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Party call for Gromyko and others to quit

Politburo's old guard denounced in public

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

President Gromyko, the Soviet Union's titular head of state, and three other long-serving officials, were urged yesterday to accept responsibility for the legacy of the Brezhnev years — and resign.

The call was made by a senior regional official of the Soviet Communist Party in a speech from the platform of the national conference in Moscow.

In a departure as unusual as anything that has happened at the conference this week, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov interrupted a speech by a party first secretary from Siberia, Mr Vladimir Melnikov, who was in the process of denouncing those responsible for the stagnation of the Brezhnev era, and asked him to name names.

Without flinching, the first secretary from the Siberian region of Komi said that he was thinking of two members of the Politburo — Mr Andrei Gromyko and the former Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr Mikhail Solomentsev, and two members of the Central Committee: Mr Viktor Afanasyev, the editor of *Pravda*, and Mr Georgy Arbatov, the head of the Institute for the Study of the USA and Canada.

In his attack, Mr Melnikov said that those who had actively implemented the policy of stagnation — the code for the policies of Leonid Brezhnev — could not now, in the period of *perestroika*, remain in the central party and state organs.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, called yesterday for continued vigilance in the West's relations with the Soviet Union but described events at the Communist Party conference in Moscow as "immensely encouraging". He told the Commons that the courage and determination of Mr Gorbachov in attempting to tackle the fundamental failings of Soviet society had to be admired ..Parliament, page 12

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Mr Gromyko and Mr Solomentsev are the two oldest members of the Politburo at 78 and 75 respectively. Mr Arbatov and Mr Afanasyev, who are delegates to the conference, are both only 65, although they rose to prominence under Brezhnev.

While Mr Afanasyev appears to have reservations about Mr Gorbachov's policy of *glasnost*, Mr Arbatov has given his unreserved support to the Soviet leader's programme of political reform.

After Mr Melnikov had spoken, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet received a carefully worded note from one of the other delegates in partial support of Mr Gromyko. It said: "Andrei Andreyevich Gromyko is a man respected among the people and the party. He has devoted his life and activities to us. We for our part, however, have only laden him with burdens ... We have worked him too hard and Comrade Gromyko today has fallen behind life. But he has done his job and his noble deeds are remembered by the people." The note said that the criticism of Mr Gromyko, made without any warning, had been inappropriate. It ended: "He has the respect and love of the people." According to Tass, the note was loudly applauded from the floor.

But the episode has provided further evidence that Mr Gromyko's star is fading. Last weekend, the policy he had implemented as Foreign Minister under Brezhnev came under attack from senior officials of the Foreign Ministry.

The attacks also come at a time when the role of State President is being questioned.On Tuesday Mr Gorbachov suggested as part of his political reform programme that the post of President might in future entail responsibilities more like those of the American Presidency.

Meanwhile, in the continuing ethic dispute between Aremnians and Azerbaijanis, senior Communist Party officials in Armenia made it clear yesterday that the republic had no intention of giving up its support for the transfer of the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh. They also revealed that the Armenian leadership had submitted proposals to the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan in an attempt to end the conflict.

Answering questions from journalists, Mr Eduard Dzhrbashyan, the head of the literature department at Yerevan University, who is a delegate to the party conference in Moscow, said three options had been proposed: the incorporation of Nagorno-Karabakh into the region of Stavropol in the Russian Federation; direct rule by the Government of the Russian Federation from Moscow; or direct rule by the Soviet Government.

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Mexico has been banned from international football for two years by FIFA for cheating at a qualifying tournament for the world youth championship in Guatemala City last April, when they fielded four overage players.

The suspension includes the 1990 World Cup and this year's Olympic Games tournament, for which they had qualified. It is the most severe ban ever imposed......**Page 38**

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Navratilova goes for record

Sigh of relief: Martina Navratilova, who narrowly beat Chis Evert 6-1, 4-6, 7-5 yesterday, will be playing for a record ninth Wimbledon singles title when she meets Steffi Graf on the Centre Court tomorrow. Wimbledon, pages 41, 42. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Lawson scorns City fears of deficit rising to £12 billion

By Robin Oakley, Rodney Lord and Nicholas Wood

Mr Nigel Lawson yesterday scorned City forecasts of a trade deficit of as much as £12 billion by the end of the year. And in the Commons, Mrs Thatcher brushed aside Labour attacks, saying that the deficit was being "readily financed" by the inflow of foreign private sector capital.

She told MPs that foreign manufacturers were showing great confidence in Britain.

When Mr Neil Kinnock asked, if the confidence was so great and the inflow so ready, "why does she inflict 9.5 per cent interest rates on British industry and home buyers" Mrs Thatcher replied crisply: "to keep down pressure on inflation".

Tory MPs cheered her and urged Mr Kinnock to try again, but he remained in his seat.

Some ministers remain nervous that the balance of payments will get worse. But other government figures are convinced that the May figures indicate a worse trend than actually exists.

Although the latest figures show the balance of payments was £1.2 billion in the red in May, the Chancellor maintained yesterday that the economy was as strong as it had been for 50 years.

Mr Lawson conceded that his Budget forecast of a £4 billion deficit would be exceeded but dismissed gloomy City prophecies as wide of the mark, pointing to the "equanimity" in the financial markets.

"I wouldn't take too much notice of teenage scribblers in the City who jump up and down in an effort to get press attention", he said.

In an interview with *The Times* today, he discloses that the budget surplus would also be larger than he had indicated.

Yesterday at the Kensington by-election he said it was not unusual for a country to have a trade deficit at a time of rapid growth.

But the Chancellor's glowing picture of the economy was rejected by Labour. Mr Robin Cook, a leading member of the Shadow Cabinet, said there was an enormous contrast between the paper world of the City and the real economy of output and exports. He found it "staggering" that in spite of the oil surplus, Britain should have been running a deficit on visible trade for the first time since the days of Queen Elizabeth I.

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"The only other countries that have had stagnant industrial output for the last 8 years are Malawi and Barbados. We produce fewer cars than Spain, less steel than Poland, fewer engineering apprentices than Switzerland."

Mr Lawson confirms in his interview that he has no ambition to become Prime Minister, but indicates that he would welcome a move to the Foreign Office.

He admits that the economy has been growing at an "unsustainably rapid rate" and reaffirms his faith in monetary policy.

Lefebvre defies Pope

From Roger Boyes, Rome and Clifford Longley, Ecône, Switzerland

The Vatican promptly excommunicated Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre and his four new bishops yesterday, presenting his traditionalist followers with a stark choice: return to the Catholic church or risk expulsion from the fold.

Watched by more than 5,000 of his followers, Archbishop Lefebvre defiantly consecrated four bishops for his Fraternity of Pius X. In the eyes of Rome his action constituted the sin of schism — breaking the unity of the church.

The consecrations took place in a marquee in the grounds of Mgr Lefebvre's headquarters at Ecône, Switzerland. The start of the service was delayed for 90 minutes by a long address from Mgr Lefebvre and from his fellow consecrator Mgr Antonio de Castro Mayer, of Campos, Brazil, who had come to demonstrate his support.

The consecrations marked the final breakdown of frantic efforts by the Pope to heal the breach with Mgr Lefebvre, who repudiates most of the decrees of the Second Vatican Council, especially the one recognizing religious liberty and freedom of conscience. The irony that the ceremony was an exercise of freedom of conscience and religious liberty seemed lost on him.

Mgr Lefebvre said that the Pope had sent the Papal Nuncio, Mgr Dominique Rezaux, from Berne to Ecône the night before with a personal letter and an offer to drive him to Rome immediately to see the Pope if he would cancel the ceremony.

Mgr Lefebvre began by saying it was, in a certain way, an historic occasion, and ended with the claim: "History will congratulate us."

The four bishops — whose orders the Vatican has to regard as valid, however reluctantly — include an Englishman, Richard Williamson, aged 48, a convert from the Church of England who is now based in Connecticut.

The others were Bernard Tissier de Mallerais, who is French, Alfonso de Galarreta, who is Spanish, and Bernard Fellay, who is Swiss. During negotiations with the Vatican to regularize the position of the Fraternity, all four names

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New radio body to replace IBA

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government yesterday reaffirmed that it will bring in legislation to create a new radio authority and license up to three more national commercial radio services.

The Home Office said in a White Paper that the new authority would take over from the Independent Broadcasting Authority because a new body concerned solely with independent radio would be needed as many more stations had started broadcasting.

The authority would be self-financing, with radio operators paying it licence fees.

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, said the new body would have "sharp teeth", with a graduated range of sanctions that it could take against stations that failed to perform as promised or otherwise transgressed their licence conditions. These would range from warnings to licence withdrawal and possibly fines.

The new national commercial networks would be expected to offer a varied programme service. This did not mean that they would have to be "all things to all people", but a single narrow format would not be acceptable.

The Government's Plans for Radio Broadcasting (Stationery Office, 90p).

Equal pay ruling

CBI fears women's claims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The right of more than 11 million working women to claim equal pay with men doing different jobs won unanimous backing from the House of Lords yesterday in a case brought by five women warehouse workers.

The ruling is the first endorsement by the highest court of the land of the right to bring claims of "equal pay for work of equal value" under the sex equality laws. It was hailed as an "historic victory" by trade unionists and by the Equal Opportunities' Commission.

But the Confederation of British Industry warned that the ruling would inflate wages and "have damaging consequences for the competitiveness of British industry". It intends to press the Government for a change in the law.

The case was brought by Mrs Rene Pickstone and four colleagues, who with 800 other women warehouse workers are employed at Freemans, the mail order firm, at its Peterborough base.

The women, who assemble, check and dispatch the orders, are trying to bring an equal pay claim with male staff who unload and check the goods from the vans. The men earn a basic weekly wage of £81.88, which is £4.22 more than the women. The women say their work is equal in terms of effort, skill and decision-making to the men.

But Freemans has opposed their right to bring the claim, arguing that as long as a man is doing the same work — in this case six men were doing the same work as the women and now some 50 are — they cannot bring a claim.

In his judgement Lord Keith of Kinkel said that if employers were able to evade the equal pay laws by "employing one token man on the same work as a group of potential women claimaints" who were deliberately paid less than the men doing work of equal value, it would mean that the United Kingdom had "failed again" in its obligations to comply with EEC law. "It is plain that Parliament cannot possibly have intended such a failure."

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Bank may be sued over Clowes affair

By Lawrence Lever

Lawyers for Barlow Clowes liquidators in Gibraltar are considering a multi-million pound legal action against Lloyds Bank. This follows the discovery that payments for private jet hire and personal expenses were made from a Lloyds account in Jersey that was clearly marked as a clients' account.

Millions of pounds of investors' money in Barlow Clowes, the crashed investment group, was paid into the account. The investors thought it would be invested in government securities.

However it has emerged that millions of pounds was diverted from the account. Irregular payments have been discovered by the liquidators for private jets and personal expenditure by the directors of Barlow Clowes.

A cheque for £25,400 made in payment for the hire of private jets was drawn on a Barlow Clowes investors' account from Lloyds Bank in Jersey.

Cork Gully, joint liquidator for Barlow Clowes International, has a copy of the cheque, and details of other irregular payments

The Times has also seen a copy of the cheque, clearly marked "Barlow Clowes & Partners SA - clients' call account" and is payable to a private jet company.

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A Lloyds spokesman said the bank was co-operating with the BCI liquidators. Midland Bank has also come under scrutiny since one of its banks in Jersey also handled money belonging to investors in BCI.

At least £138 million was invested in BCI. Apart from any legal action by the liquidators, the investors may also have legal grounds for action against the bank.

Solar flare leaves pigeon fanciers in a flap

By Boris Johnson

Pigeon owners were yesterday scanning the skies for hundreds of missing birds. It was sheer bad luck that one of the greatest annual international pigeon racing days, with more than 40,000 birds in flight, should have coincided with the largest solar flare for four years.

At 5.20 am on Friday 3,000 pigeons were released from the town of Bourges in the south of France, under the auspices of the Up North Combine, the largest pigeon-fancying group in Britain, and expected to arrive at their homes in the north of England the following day.

Almost 93 million miles away a vast jet of gas leapt from the surface of the sun for 91 minutes, causing electromagnetic disturbances in the earth's atmosphere.

As hundreds of owners waited at their pigeon roosts on Saturday and Sunday, it became clear that something had gone wrong. "They just didn't come home," said Mr Derek Towers, the secretary and manager of the Up North Combine."It was a total disaster. The same thing happened to the Germans, the Dutch and the Belgians, who were sending them from Barcelona, and they did not have a Channel to cross."

At 4.30 am the Meteorological Office had issued a forecast indicating that conditions were almost perfect for pigeon racing. There were mild head-winds, but nothing to suggest the massive no-show that occurred. By the time Mr Towers closed the race on Sunday only 283 of a total of about 5,000 British birds had completed the distance from three starting-points in the south of France.

"Nobody really knows how pigeons navigate, but the only explanation I can think of is this solar flare I read about," he said.

The winning bird, owned by F and J Gray of Newbiggin, Northumberland, travelled the 580 miles by 8.30 am on Saturday, to win a gold trophy and an unspecified amount of prize money. But hundreds of other racing pigeons, worth an average of £20, and sometimes as much as £40,000, were still missing.

According to Mr Chris Mead, of the British Trust of Ornithology, pigeons orientate themselves by a variety of means. "They use polarised light, they use smell, and there is also undoubtedly scientific evidence that they orient themselves through the earth's magnetic field.

"The lines of the earth's magnetic field point into the earth, and the pigeons find the acute angle and follow it. But if the magnetic lines of force are affected by a solar flare, the pigeons' steering may be messed up." Once pigeons were displaced laterally because of an error near the outset, they found it hard to get back on course. "They flap around for ages, or get eaten, or drop in the water. Most of the pigeons in Trafalgar Square were originally racing pigeons who got lost," he said.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

School guideline fuels cash fear

New guidelines on setting up and running schools that opt out of local authority control will fuel fears that schools are to be encouraged to do so by promises of more cash than they already receive.

The guidelines, issued by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, as a draft circular for parents, local authorities and schools, make it clear that he will be the arbiter of how much a school may receive to balance the loss of services provided formerly by the local authority.

A new government-backed trust set up to help schools to apply for grant-maintained status is drawing up a confidential list of likely candidates by canvassing local Tory politicians.The Grant-Maintained Schools Trust, chaired by Mr Steve Norris, a former Conservative MP, has written to well informed local figures asking for the names of schools that might consider opting out.

Fare share for guards

British Rail guards are to be paid a commission of 2 per cent of any any fares they collect from fare dodgers. British Rail hopes that the scheme will help to cut its losses from non-payment of fares, estimatedat between £30 million and £40 million a year. About £20 million of that is accounted for by fare-dodging on the commuter services of Network SouthEast. The scheme will come into effect on October 3.

Haughey in hospital

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, was taken to hospital yesterday morning shortly before he was due in the Dail to make a statement on the economy and on Anglo-Irish relations. Mr Haughey is suffering from a kidney stone. The Mater private hospital said the condition was "painful but not dangerous" and Mr Haughey is expected back at work on Monday. His statement, which dealt largely with the success of the economy, reiterated his commitment to the Anglo-Irish agreement and determination to stamp out terrorism, was read to the Dail for him.

Fabergé court ruling

Insurers who paid for the loss of a collection of Fabergé animal figures from Cottesbrooke Hall, near Northampton, seven years ago, have been allowed to claim back pieces from the group, which were traced by police. The London jeweller, Wartski, which bought the pieces legitimately, agreed in the High Court yesterday to hand over the figures of a hen, a chimpanzee, and a set of piglets, and to pay £17,710 to the underwriters in respect of a bloodhound, which it had also bought legitimately.

NHS pioneer's lottery

The health authority chosen by Aneurin Bevan to launch the National Health Service 40 years ago is about to introduce the country's first legal NHS lottery.A hundred thousand tickets at 50p each go on sale throughout Trafford, South Manchester, next week.

Conditions at centre are appalling, says Chief Inspector of Prisons

Urgent action urged at 'squalid' Risley

By Peter Evans

Conditions at Risley Remand Centre near Warrington, Chester, are "barbarous and squalid", Judge Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons said yesterday.

He said the centre, dubbed "Grisly Risley", was a poorly designed institution where many inmates were kept in "appalling and totally unacceptable" conditions.

In a Home Office report, Judge Tumim said the centre should be rebuilt as soon as possible.

Male inmates remanded there were for the large part "forgotten people", apart from the times they were allowed to see relatives and lawyers, or were processed to appear in court.

The report said urgent action should be taken to prevent more suicides at Risley, where six people on remand died within a year. While no prison establishment could guarantee suicide prevention, every precaution should be taken.

Judge Tumim said three factors might have contributed to depression and suicide at Risley — an increase in mentally ill inmates; squalid physical conditions; and "shocking disregard" of staff guidelines on the recognition of suicidal tendencies.

The report also expressed concern about lack of staff continuity, which seriously impared relations with inmates, and Risley's large catchment area.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said in a statement yesterday that steps to prevent suicide were being given high priority.

All new inmates at Risley were being assessed for suicidal tendencies on the day they arrived at the centre. Staff were being trained in suicide prevention and a committee had been formed to devise precautionary strategies.

Risley was opened in 1964, conceived as a short-term centre where people would be held for a few weeks for medical reports. However, Britain's over-stretched prison system has ensured that stays of eight or nine months at the centre are now not unusual.

Risley receives prisoners on remand from courts throughout the North of England and parts of the Midlands. Some have been convicted and await probation and medical reports before sentence. Most, however, are untried.

Last year, 31,904 people passed through the centre, 4,971 of them women, housed in their own wing. Initial impressions on walking through centre's tall double gates are deceptive. Neat single and double-storey buildings are fringed by well-kept grass verges with borders of flowers.

However, the buildings have long proved inadequate, with thousands of pounds spent just to maintain their current condition.

About half the inmates are consigned to 9ft-square rooms, shared between two people, where they may spend up to 23 hours a day.

The only lavatory facilities in the cells are plastic containers which inmates "slop out" in the mornings. Rather than endure the stench of their own urine all night, some prisoners simply relieve themselves out of their cell windows.

The cells are furnished with bunk beds, a simple table and two chairs. In the male wings — some of which badly require renovation — the walls are a mass of obscene graffiti.

Prisoners are entitled to daily exercise and visits, although the distances involved often make visiting impossible for relatives. Inmates have association sessions on average once a week, and are provided with a library service and limited education facilities. They can also volunteer for work, women prisoners receiving £1.55 a week for tasks such as assembling plugs.

Staff concede that drugs are sometimes smuggled in, but say such problems are not as great as reports suggest.

In the longer term, Risley is intended to become a local prison.

Freeing accommodation by removing most of the inmates aged under 21 is the first step in a £2.5 million programme of improvements its B and C wings, where most male remands are held.and refurbishment is expected to be completed by autumn next year.

Longer-term redevelopment will begin in June next year, according to the Home Office. It will take six years to complete, at a cost of £50 million.

HM Remand Centre Risley — Report by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons (Home Office, London; £1.50).

Ridley abandons plan for phasing in poll tax

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The community charge will be introduced in the whole of England and Wales on April 1, 1990. The Government yesterday dropped plans for phasing in the reforms in London.

The announcement signalled a remarkable second U-turn by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, and demonstrated his confidence that he has won the battle for controlling high-spending left-wing councils in the capital.

The announcement came as the Government suffered its first defeat on its poll tax proposals when The House of Lords passed an amendment allowing the Secretary of State to reduce the amount of community charge to be paid by some student nurses. They will eventually become exempt from the charge.

The decision not to phase in the community charge was made in response to lower spending by many councils, together with the abolition of the Inner London Education Authority.

Originally, the Government planned to charge London residents £100 a year each together with a proportion of their rates over four years from 1990.

Mr Ridley, who campaigned among his colleagues for a rapid switch from rates to poll tax, persuaded a Cabinet committee last November to drop plans for a transitional period of a dual running of the two systems except for high spending areas of London. He later went a step further by yielding to pleas for an instant switch from rates to poll tax from four authorities: Westminster, Wandsworth, Kensington and Chelsea and Waltham Forest.

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Local Government, said: "It will not be possible for local authorities to hide behind the confusion in people's minds caused by paying two different sets of bills.

"The consequences of their actions for the community charge payer will be absolutely clear-cut." He hopes the single step change will be a vote-winner for the Conservatives.

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Triumph on equal pay

Smiles of victory yesterday from Mrs Rene Pickstone, centre, and two colleagues, Elaine Fyffe, left, and Rita Roberts, after the House of Lords ruled that women were entitled to the same pay as men for different work of equal value (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Cruise liner plan

Tikkoo may buy Ulster yard

By Philip Webster and Tim Jones

Mr Ravi Tikkoo, the Indian shipping magnate, has called in a merchant bank to determine whether he will buy the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast as part of a deal which would enable him to build a huge cruise liner provisionally called the Ultimate Dream.

Last night, a spokesman for Mr Tikkoo confirmed that the Northern Ireland Office had approached him about the possibility of taking over the loss-making yard.

A statement issued on his behalf said: "The proposition requires a careful and detailled analysis and is being considered on that basis. Tikkoo Cruise Line have engaged Hambros Bank to advise them in this respect."

His plan to build the £260 million cruise liner is the only firm prospect of a future order at the yard, which employs 3,9000 workers, officials confirmed. Yesterday, the board of Harland and Wolff said it recognized that privatization could offer the best long-term future for the company, its employees and the other companies which depend on it for vital workload.

More than 12,000 workers employed on constructing Britain's Trident nuclear submarines at the VSEL yard in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, were told last night that jobs and orders worth millions of pounds would be lost unless they abandoned their strike over the right to take holidays when they wish. More than seven hours of talks between management and representatives of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions failed to resolve the issue.

Mr T. J. Parker, chairman and chief executive of Harland and Wolff, said:"However, the firm proviso must be that it is established on a sound basis from the outset — with a suitable new owner — in order that it should have the best opportunity for a viable long-term future".

It is being suggested that the Government will support Mr Tikkoo's appeal for aid to build the liner, thought to be up to £100 million, in return for his buying the yard.

Mr Peter Viggers, the Northern Ireland industry minister, ended doubts over Mr Tikkoo's interest when he said in the Commons that Tikkoo Cruise Line had come forward expressing an interest acquiring the yard.

Mr Viggers told MPs: "The Government will consider this and any proposals from any other parties which might lead to the privatization of the company".

Mr Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, urged Mr Viggers to ensure job security for the workforce in any privatization.

Owen urges European role

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The City of London's position as one of the world's leading financial centres will be jeopardized if Britain stands aside from the setting up of a European central bank, Dr David Owen declared yesterday.

The SDP leader issued his warning as he was campaigning in the Kensington by-election where his party is fighting for survival in a battle that principally involves its centre ground rival, the Social and Liberal Democrats. It followed on from his clash with the Prime Minister last week when Mrs Margaret Thatcher told him there was no point in such a bank because a united states of Europe was not on the cards.

Yesterday, Dr Owen said: "Eventually, a European central bank will come and the rightful place of such a bank is London. It would be deeply damaging to the dominant position of London if a European central bank was to be sited either in Frankfurt, Paris or Brussels."

He said that Mrs Thatcher had a "vital interest" to protect in the City of London.

General election 1987: Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (C) 14,818; Ben Bousquet (Lab) 10,371; William Goodhart (SDP) 5,379; R F Shorter (Green) 528; L Carrick (Humanist) 65; M Hughes (Ind) 30. Majority 4,447. Electorate 48,212.

Kasparov facing two crucial games

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

In the World Chess Cup at Belfort, France, Gary Kasparov, the world champion, faces his greatest test. He plays in consecutive rounds with the Black pieces against Anatoly Karpov and Britain's Nigel Short in rounds 13 and 14 of this 15-round event.

After 12 rounds Kasparov has built up a dominating lead, but he must still overcome the hurdle of consecutive Black games against two of his most dangerous rivals if he is to triumph.

Results in round 12: (White players named first) Kasparov beat Ehlvest; Karpov drew with Short; Sokolov drew with Andersson; Nogueiras drew with Ljubojevic; Ribli drew with Hjartarson; Hubner drew with Spassky; Timman lost to Speelman.

Scores after 12 rounds: Kasparov (USSR) 9½; Karpov (USSR) 8; Ehlvest (USSR) 7½; Hubner (West Germany), Sokolov (USSR) and Spassky (France) 7; Ribli (Hungary) 6½; Short (England) 6; Speelman (England) 5½; Andersson (Sweden), Nogueiras (Cuba) and Usupov (USSR) 5; Beliavsky (USSR), Hjartarson (Iceland) and Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) 4½; Timman (Holland) 3½.

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Families protest to MP over 'injustice' of child abuse cases

By Ian Smith

A dossier on "the forgotten children" in Leeds diagnosed as victims of sexual abuse will be handed to the Government next week.

Parents Against Injustice (Pain), which represents 25 families and 64 children, yesterday sent Mr Stuart Bell, MP for Middlesbrough, 33 disturbing case histories.

The group says the cases exemplify the "disgraceful and shoddy treatment" of parents and children by doctors and social workers in Leeds. Mr Bell will study the dossier with other cases from throughout the country.

He will ask Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to order a judicial review of each case if the Cleveland inquiry report from Lord Justice Butler-Sloss questions the reliability of the contentious reflex anal dilatation technique.

Each diagnosis of sexual abuse was allegedly based on that technique and all except one occurred before the Cleveland crisis. The children were aged between seven months and 15 years.

Dr Jane Wynne made seven diagnoses of sexual abuse and a further five were reached by Dr Christopher Hobbs. Their methods were employed by two paediatricians at Middlesbrough General Hospital.

Mrs Sue Amphlett, director of Pain and a nurse whose two daughters, now aged eight and six, were once placed on an "at risk" register, says the appalling plight of families in Leeds has been ignored because they lie in the shadow of the Cleveland investigation.

The group is pressing for a re-evaluation of the system used to protect children suspected of being at risk as well as seeking judicial reviews.

The parents want second opinions in every case where abuse is diagnosed and video films taken of every disclosure interview with the child.

Parents should be kept informed at every stage and given the opportunity to attend crucial case conferences at which the future of their children is determined.

The group says parents are currently not only refused access to any part of case conferences but often not even told they are taking place.

Social services staff insist that children be allowed to give personal families details at case conferences in cases where the child is considered to be of a responsible age.

Mrs Amphlett said: "The fate of entire families rests in the hands of a few individuals. That must change at once. Hearings should be multi-disciplinary attended by second opinions from doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, and those families affected.

"Instead, a handful of people rule supreme; whatever they say is accepted without question. As none of us is infallible that should never be allowed to happen."

According to the Pain report, eight of the children were attending clinics or treatment units because of medical problems when they were diagnosed as abuse victims.

In five families siblings of those diagnosed as sexually abused were subsequently examined with parental consent; in those cases seven supposedly demonstrated reflex anal dilatation, and therefore abuse, while a further four displayed no signs of maltreatment. Nonetheless, all siblings were taken into care.

In 13 out of 14 families being studied by the group, none of the children at any stage substantiated allegations of sexual abuse. In the other case a child is said to have spoken of parental sexual interference while in social services care though no transcripts or tape of the disclosure interview is available.

However, of the 33 youngsters evaluated, 14 were said to be in moral danger because another child in the family had allegedly been abused. Subsequently, no signs of abuse had been found or any allegations of impropriety made by the children.

Stately home turns open house

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Lord and Lady Carnarvon with their grandson Jakie outside Highclere Castle yesterday aboard the Red Bug Buckboard, an early American motorized vehicle that has been with the family since 1929 (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

By Robin Young

From Sunday the public will be able to explore the rooms of Highclere Castle, Hampshire, where earlier this year Lord Carnarvon, the grandson of the man who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun, unearthed a hoard of Egyptian antiquities which had lain forgotten for more than 60 years.

The Egyptian government had demanded the return of the treasure, threatening legal action, but yesterday Lord Carnarvon said: "We have heard no more since they realized that the objects did not come from the tomb of Tutankhamun itself.

"There was a new man at the ministry of culture and a new curator at the Cairo museum who were anxious to make their mark and take a fundamentalist attitude, but it seems to have gone quiet."

So the treasure becomes the principal attraction at the earl's stately home, on which he has spent £200,000 in making it ready for the admission of the public. The relics came to light while Lord Carnarvon and his family were preparing to open the house to the public as part of the settlement of death duties agreed after the death of the 6th Earl last year.

Lord Carnarvon had asked his retired butler, Mr Robert Taylor, whether they had seen everything, but Mr Taylor replied: "Except for the Egyptian stuff", and then led the earl to two cupboards hidden between the blocked-up doorways between the drawing and smoking rooms. They were full of antiquities stuffed in cigarette boxes.

More artefacts were found in the room which the 6th Earl had used as a photographic dark room,

Howard Carter, the archaeologist who was the fifth Lord Carnarvon's partner in excavating Tutankhamun's tomb, described the objects, which all derive from the two men's earlier excavations, as "a few unimportant antiquities", when he packed the Carnarvon collection off to the Bank of England for eventual sale to the Metropolitan Museum of New York.

Now they are regarded as historically priceless and the castle's music room has had its French furniture decanted into the drawing room to make way for their exhibition.

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Boost for charity

Yesterday's daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 was shared between five winners and *£1,600 of the pool will be* donated to charity.

Mr Martin Smith, a partner in Stevens, Hewlett and Perkins, a firm of patent agents in Chancery Lane, central London, had two valid claims, one for himself and one for his company. He is giving the winnings to a cancer appeal at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading.

Mr Dennis Anderson, another winner, is a guidance counsellor at London Central High School in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

Mrs Mary Lewis, of Washle Drive, Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, and Mr Robert Watkins, of Lincoln Avenue, Wimbledon, south-west London, also won £800.

Ramblers call for controls on pesticides

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The Government should draw up a list of chemicals guaranteed to be harmless to human health and ban the spraying of all others near footpaths and public open spaces, the Ramblers' Association said yesterday.

Lord Melchett, the association's president, said many pesticides were harmful to livestock and farmers were advised to keep animals away for up to two weeks. Yet no one in government seemed to have noticed that people also walked across fields.

Sir Richard Body, former chairman of the Commons Agriculture Committee, said tests involving rats did not measure the long-term effects of pesticides.

Consultant cheated NHS

By Michael Horsnell

A gynaecologist who cheated the health service by booking a woman into a NHS hospital without disclosing she was his private patient was sent to prison for 15 months yesterday.

Peter Firth, aged 54, a £115,000 a year consultant who is said to have pioneered *life-saving techniques*, was told by the judge that prison was the only sentence.

Miss Beryl Cooper, QC, the Recorder at Worthing Crown Court, told him: "You behaved in such a way as to destroy that essential basis of trust between doctor and patient and doctor and health authority."

The jury found him guilty of sending a woman to a health service hospital for treatment for 11 and five days on two occasions without revealing she was his private patient. It meant a loss to the authority of £1,579. Firth, father of four, of Hirstwood Lane, Hayward's Heath, West Sussex, denied nine specimen charges of deception and attempted deception. The jury found him guilty on four charges and cleared him on five others.

The Recorder told him: "It is a tragedy to see you standing there. But the jury have found you to have been dishonest."

She said he had been convicted on representative counts. "From these frauds I believe that you increased your income. You were a consultant and the head of your department. It is essential that persons of that status should be trusted not to deceive in order to make dishonest financial gains for themselves or to save their patients money."

Firth, a consultant at Cuckfield and Haywards Heath Hospitals in Sussex, was cleared of doubling his fees by charging his private patients and also billing the health service. He was also cleared of charging fees for visiting two women patients who were already dead.

Firth told the jury he had accidentally mixed up his private and NHS patients. He had relied on his memory and had not deliberately cheated.

Mr John Rogers QC, for the defence, said: "He has suffered dreadful stigma, and his career is now finished". He would be considering an appeal.

Firth was also ordered to pay £10,000, part of the £24,000 prosecution costs, and £1,579 compensation to Mid Downs Health Authority, West Sussex.

Legionella link to building-site dust

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

An expert in construction science said yesterday that there was evidence that outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease is linked to dust from building sites.

Professor Patrick O'Sullivan, of the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, said that research had shown that 90 per cent of the outbreaks of the disease in Britain has occurred where the air-conditioning systems of the buildings are in close proximity to a building site. He said that dust has been found to provide a source of nutrient for the *legionella* bacteria which build up the air-conditioning systems. It also has the power to neutralize common sterilizing agents used to clean the air-cooling plant of buildings.

The warning comes after the outbreak of the disease at the BBC's Broadcasting House in central London, in which two men died and dozens detained in hospital. The offices are surrounded on three sides by building sites.

Professor O'Sullivan, who is involved in the inquiry into the BBC outbreak, called for guidelines to be introduced to warn the owners of offices of the effects of building sites near by."There should be a mechanism when building work starts in an area of high population density to tell people to take extra precautions". The Health and Safety Executive should enforce such guidelines to protect office workers, he said.

The Department of Health and Social Security is drawing up new guidelines for building maintenance engineers , requiring weekly inspections of air conditioning systems for hospitals. The guide is expected to be published later this month.

Killer given life sentence

A skinhead who murdered a man for eight cigarettes was jailed for life by the Central Criminal Court yesterday, with the recommendation that he serve at least 15 years.

Anthony "Boxer" Carrol, aged 24, of Kentish Town, north London, stabbed a waiter, Mr Abadus Sattar, aged 36, to death on May 24 last year as he was walking home in Hampstead, north-west London.

Union pays damages for strike

The first teaching union to be sued by an education authority for taking illegal industrial action, yesterday agreed a substantial out-of-court settlement for damages plus costs.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers and the Hereford and Worcester County Council issued a joint statement saying that they hoped to achieve a new working relationship together based on "mutual respect and understanding".

The council originally took the union to the High Court in February this year claiming £48,000 damages in respect of a half-day strike in November 1986. Neither side would discuss details of the final settlement yesterday, but it is understood to be in the regions of £40,000 plus costs.

WPC driver is cleared

A woman police constable was yesterday cleared of causing death by dangerous driving. WPC Jaqueline Johnston, aged 30, of Kempston, Bedfordshire, was said to have caused an approaching car to lose control and hit another, killing the driver. Mr Mark Jones, the approaching driver, was cleared of a similar charge at St Albans Crown Court.

Heysel 26 may ignore trial

By David Nicholson-Lord

A fresh dispute is looming between Britain and Belgium over the 26 Liverpool football supporters facing manslaughter charges over the Heysel stadium disaster.

It follows legal advice that they should not travel to Brussels to stand trial in October.

Sir Harry Livermore, the Liverpool solicitor who represents 15 of the defendants, has called a meeting today at which the fans will be asked to indicate whether they intend to return to answer their bail. Some have said they will not.

British and Belgian lawyers representing the 26 have claimed that the Belgian Ministry of Justice has put impossible obstacles in the way of a proper trial. Sir Harry said yesterday that he had received "quite categorical" advice from one Belgian legal expert that the supporters should not turn up for their trial, on the ground that if they were convicted in their absence they could not be extradited, and conflicting advice from counsel in Britain who insisted that they should.

He added: "I am not going to advise them not to attend. I can't do that. I am going to tell them what might happen if they don't attend".

Mr Rex Makin, who represents four defendants, said: "You can't tell clients not to go but you don't have to tell them to go. It may well be that if my clients tell me they are not going back to Belgium I would be remarkably deaf when it was said".

According to the Home Office, there would be no bar to Belgium submitting a second extradition request for any defendants convicted in their absence.

The public prosecutor's office in Brussels said yesterday it was "too premature to react". However, it is understood that another round of extradition proceedings would be unlikely.

Failure of the supporters to turn up would prove a severe embarrassment to Mrs Thatcher. Immediately after the Heysel disaster in 1985, the Prime Minister said justice must be done.

Car owners prefer Japanese

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

British cars failed to rank among the top 15 makes in the first authoritative survey of customer satisfaction among new car owners in Europe.

Japanese makes, headed by Mazda and Toyota, accounted *for four of the five top cars* with Mercedes in third place.

Among the 15 marques considered better than average only Japanese, German and Belgian cars featured. British, French and Italian cars were all judged below average when assessed over 18 months for reliability and repair, customer service, quality of the garage and the way warranty claims were dealt with.

The survey was conducted by the Californian marketing consultants J D Power Associates, whose annual US survey has become an accepted industry standard for customer satisfaction research.

The survey was carried out in Belgium which, by virtue of having no dominant domestic car manufacturer and no import restrictions, is seen as a microcosm of the European car market.

Japanese manufacturers dominated each aspect of customer satisfaction. For reliability and repair they were35 per cent ahead of the European car makers and their customer service was rated 30 per cent better.

The report claims: "A Mazda owner is twice as likely as a Mercedes owner to receive a follow-up call from the dealer after a service visit."

Rover and Porsche are rated highly for handling warranty problems when faults occur within the first 12 months of ownership yet the report says both makes had a high incidence of warranty claims.

The report concludes that there are still major difference in the manufacturing processes of Japanese and European makes.

Town pays tribute to Harty

Michael Parkinson: fulfilling pact.

A Lancashire town said farewell yesterday to Russell Harty, *one of its* favourite sons, when hundreds of inhabitants of Blackburn joined celebrities at a memorial service in the cathedral where the television personality was once a server.

As the crowds gathered outside before the start of the service, Mr Harty's friend and fellow presenter, Michael Parkinson, slipped in through a side door avoiding the crush and waiting cameras.

Mr Parkinson gave the eulogy, thereby fulfilling a pact the two had once made in jest after he and Mr Harty attended a memorial service for Gracie Fields.

Mr Parkinson described how Mr Harty had joked that he would do his if "you will do mine". Asked about what he would say, Mr Harty had replied: "'You can tell them about Grace Jones and I will talk about the Emu".

Mr Parkinson said: "He was convinced he would be remembered as the Grace Jones man."

In a touching but often humourous speechMr Parkinson described Mr Harty's love for his work and his large number of friends. The congregation included 30 of Mr Harty's relatives, as well as pupils from his former school, Queen Elizabeth II. "He never neglected the qualities of someone brought up in a north country background. He celebrated his roots", Mr Parkinson said.

"He showed you could take a lad out of Blackburn but you cannot take Blackburn out of the man. 'I knew him 16 or 17 years and it was not enough. If I knew him 60 years I would not have known him long enough, all his friends feel like that.

"He was a very remarkable man."

Mr Philip Johnson, the headmaster at Mr Harty's former school, read the lesson.

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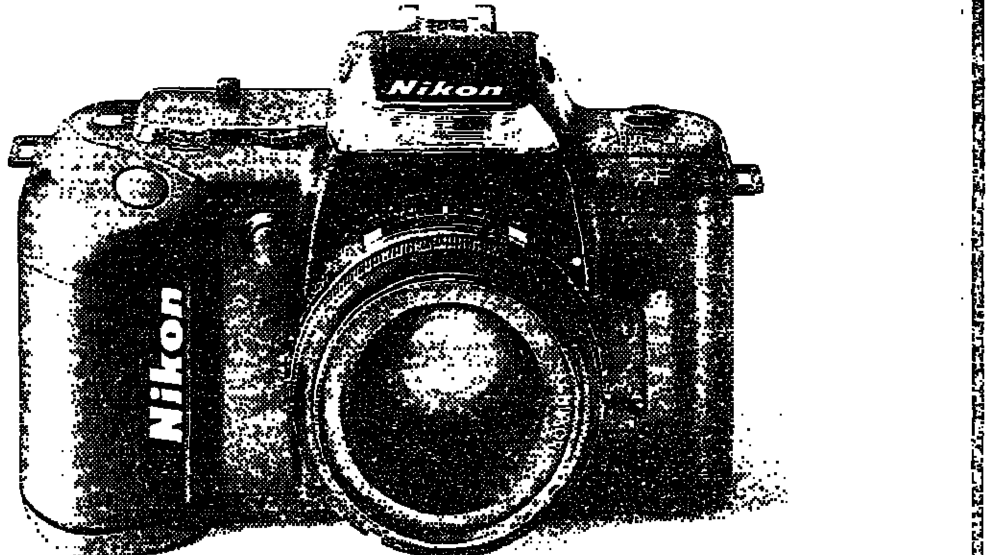

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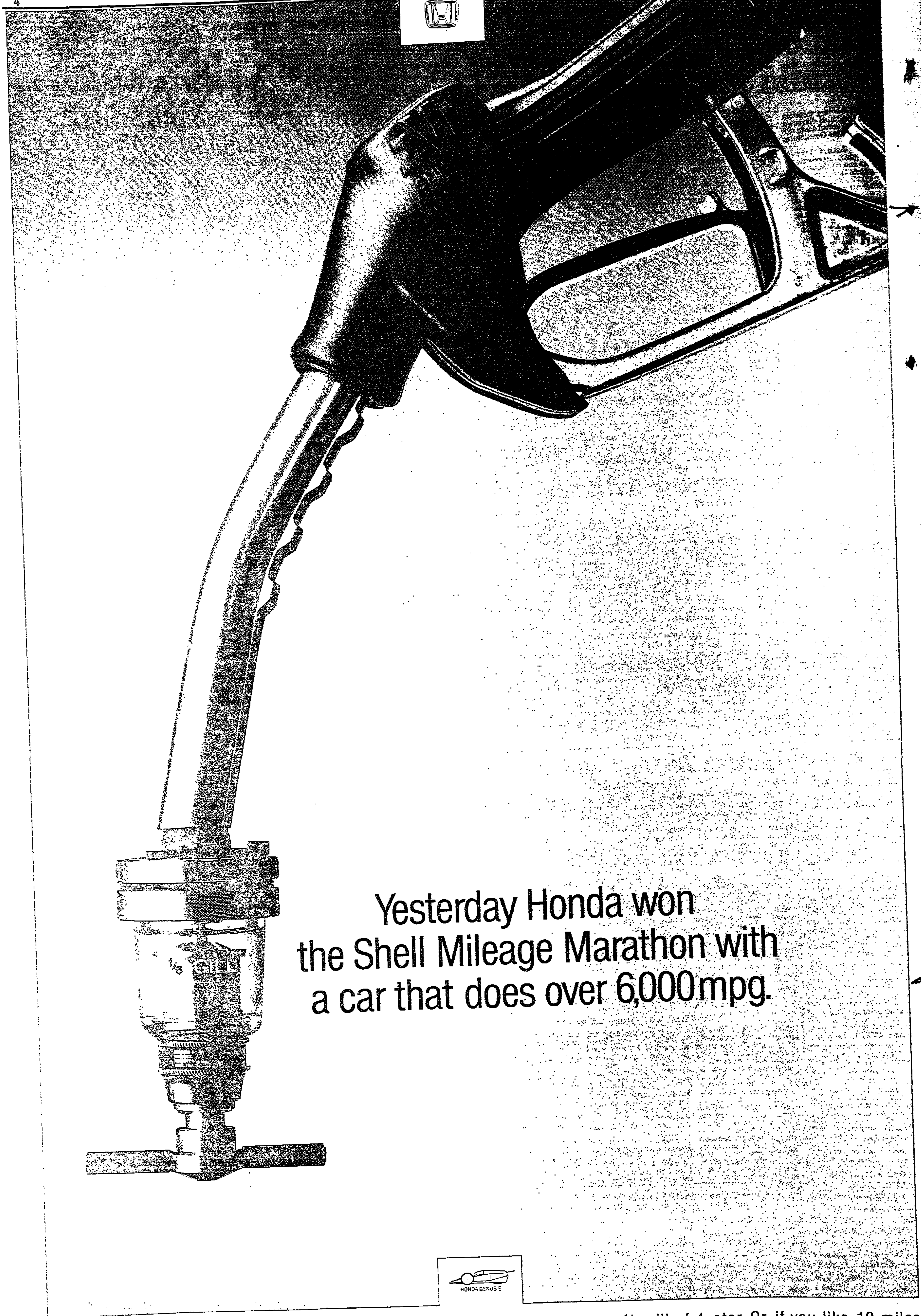

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Gatwick is ignoring night flight quotas to clear congestion

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Up to 15 passenger jets are being granted emergency permission to fly into Gatwick airport each night in an attempt to prevent thousands of holidaymakers from being diverted to airports many miles away from the cars they left in the long-term car park.

Airport officials are being forced to ignore the Government's night flight limit because of a big increase in delays caused by air traffic control congestion throughout Europe. Airlines and MPs are pressing Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, to relax the limits.

At a confidential emergency meeting between airlines and MPs with aviation interests in London this week, airlines said that in the peak months of July, August and September, tens of thousands of Gatwick passengers could find themselves landing at Stansted, Luton or Birmingham, where the noise restrictions are less stringent.

Now Mr Robert McCrindle, chairman of the all-party aviation committee, has written to Mr Channon urging "emergency action", but the Government produced its policy White Paper on night flights at Gatwick only in February and ministers are reluctant to make changes so soon.

In the meantime, airlines have found a loophole in the regulations which allow them to fly in at night provided they can prove "widespread or sustained disruption outside their control". Between 10 and 15 flights a night are now regularly landing at Gatwick between 11.30pm and 6 am. Because they are using modern quiet jets there has been no increase in complaints.

In February the Government announced that it would allow a maximum of 4,430 night movements this summer which would be shared among all airlines. Those which breached their "quota" would lose daytime movements, which would be removed as punishment.

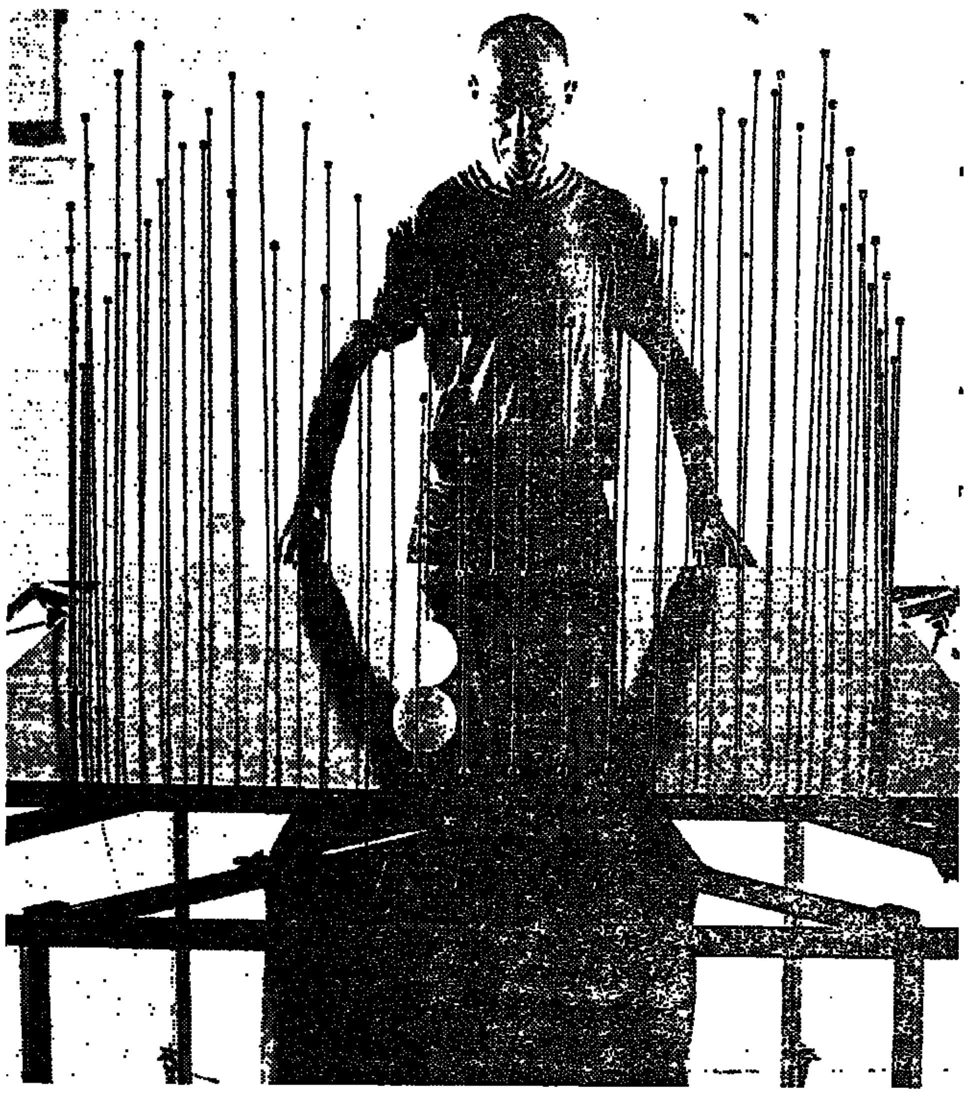
"The number of people inconvenienced by the ban on night movements at Gatwick massively outweighs the number who might be disturbed locally by airport noise", one airline chief said. "We are now able unofficially to operate the 'rubber clock' with the tacit agreement of the airport authorities. But this cannot go on and we desperately need the Government to acknowledge the situation and allow us to fly in at night when our aircraft are subjected to the kind of delays which now routinely occur."

In his letter to Mr Channon, Mr McCrindle says: "The increased use of Gatwick by charter flights, the introduction of flow control and the recent announcement of modified night flying restrictions are all converging to create a problem on which emergency action is required."

The Air Transport Users Committee is pressing for new jets, quieter than many propeller aircraft which can use the airport throughout the night, to be allowed to fly in unrestricted.

"Delays to holiday flights, especially at weekends have become the serious problem that many expected", Mr John Cox, the committee's chairman, said. "The use of Gatwick, our busiest holiday airport, is still drastically restricted at night. The suffering forced on users diverted in the small hours to other airports is intolerable."

Musical pinball wizard



Mr David Sawyer, aged 46, from Exeter, poised to perform on his "pinball composer", made from a pinball machine, in preparation for Sounds Unusual, a week-long festival of musical' eccentricity beginning tomorrow at the South Bank in London (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

High price of credit

Firms charging 4,000% interest

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Some lenders are charging 4,000 per cent interest annually on unsecured loans to financially unsophisticated, poor members of the community, a Birmingham barrister said yesterday.

Licensed lenders of weekly collectable credit operate in a market peopled by the least well-educated consumers and charge an average annual percentage rate of 290 to 300 per cent, Miss Anne Andrews, development officer at the Birmingham Settlement Money Advice Centre, said.

She told trading standards officers at their annual conference in Scarborough that in Birmingham some companies are charging 425 per cent, 1,020 per cent and, in one case, more than 4,000 per cent on an annual basis.

"To a middle-income consumer of credit with a bank loan at 19 per cent annual percentage rate this must look like extortionate credit but the Consumer Credit Act does not provide the legal machinery to deal with this sort of problem.

"In any event, the majority of borrowers are unaware of the fact that they do have rights under the Act to reopen extortionate credit bargains", she told the officers.

Licensed credit granters who lend to middle and low income groups have adopted American collection techniques and systemized their harrassment methods, Miss Andrews said.

They telephoned borrowers at work and home several times a day to ask for payment; visited at unsocial hours demanding payment on a daily basis; used aggressive male collectors to intimidate borrowers and advised clients to take out secured loans with the same company to clear existing debts.

Trading standards officers and the police were reluctant to help in dealing with harrassment. "It is also possible to criticize the Office of Fair Trading for dragging its feet in disciplinary action through licensing when such abuses have been reported", Miss Andrews said.

Loan sharking, or unlicensed money lending, was increasing with cuts in social security payments.

At the reputable end of the market some consumers still did not understand the expression "secured loan", thinking that it meant the borrower was secure, she said. UK consumers were remarkably bad in sorting out the good from the bad credit deal.

Methodists reject homosexuals ban

By Patrick O'Hanlon

The Methodist Conference unanimously rejected a motion yesterday that "practising homosexuals shall not be received into full connection or ordained into our ministry".

In a brief and emotional debate, the conference voted instead to set up a commission to study the issue of homosexual clergy and report back in two years.

The Rev Brian Beck, conference secretary, said afterwards: "To take a decision now would have us rushing in to a position that we would regret. There are those who are ready to take a decision now but that would force one opinion on the rest."

Mr Beck, in proposing the motion to set up the commission, reminded conference that Aids was transmitted heterosexually as well as homosexually. "It has added a new dimension to promiscuity but it has not introduced a new dimension of morality", he said at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

He cautioned against quoting biblical texts out of context. "We complain enough when the press reports us loosely and out of context. We mustn't do that to the Bible."

The 25-strong commission was broad and comprehensive in its viewpoint, orientation and expertise, he said.

The Rev Dr John Harrod of Manchester said: "Homosexuals have been around for a long time. They have been in the church for a long time. They are already in our ordained ministry."

The church would be driven to spying on and interrogating homosexuals, he said. "Let us disappoint the tabloids and not get into a stew."

The Rev Barrie Cooke, of Doncaster, called for clear guidance. "Many Methodists are bewildered", he said. "There is widespread distress and sadness among us. I hope we will listen to the angry voices of the homosexual lobby that hide a hurt that needs to be healed, and to the deep and profound feelings of the Methodist people."

Dr Peter Hawker, of northeast London, said there were many causes of homosexuality. "Some are learnt in our upbringing and there is strong evidence that it is congenital. If one identical twin is homosexual there is a very high likelihood that the other will also be", he said.

Weekend food prices

Chicken dearer after drought affects US

The drought in the wheat and soya-growing areas of America will affect Britain. The Chicken Information Service has issued a warning of an increase of 5p a pound in the price of chicken due to the soaring price of feed, which will also affect other meats.

Although the price of beef roasting joints has been creeping up recently there are lots of good ready prepared stir fries available in most shops.

Sainsbury's beef stir fry is £1.60 a pound and lean flash fry steaks cost about £2.76 a pound. Home-produced lamb is cheaper with whole leg an average £1.91 a pound and loin chops £2.33.

Leg of pork is an average £1.07 a pound and boneless shoulder is fractionally cheaper at £1.26.

Boneless leg steaks are down in price at Safeway from £1.82 a pound to £1.58. Best meat and poultry offers are Tesco fresh beef mince at 98p and fresh basted chicken 3.9lb to 4.5lb at 74p a pound.

Fresh fish supplies are generally good, although there may be a slight shortage of family favourites such as cod, herring and mackerel by the weekend. However, prices are realistic with cod £1.50 to £2.20 a pound, herring 54p to £1.30 and mackerel 38p-90p depending on area.

Fish which barbecue well are sardines at £1.20 a pound and whole grey mullet at £1.40. Monk fish is a little more expensive at £3.75 but worth buying for its excellent quality.

Tuna steaks are retailing at about £5.20 a pound and halibut is an excellent choice with specials starting from £3.60 a pound. Superb quality bass is about £5.95.

Lettuces are about 17p-25p each, coss and crisp 30p-45p and red varieties 40p-75p a head. They are all at their best. Cucumbers 25p, spring onions 20p-45p a bunch, English watercress 30p-45p a bunch and hot-house tomatoes 40p-60p a pound are all of wonderful quality.

English strawberries at 40p-75p a half pound are traditional fare at Wimbledon but this year for the first time American blueberries, at 75p to £1 a half pound, were also on the menu.

Cape Granny Smith apples at 25p-45p a pound and bananas at 42p-55p are also recommended; English raspberries are at 90p-£1.20 a quarter pound on the shops or 80-90 a pound if you pick your own.

Universities watchdog

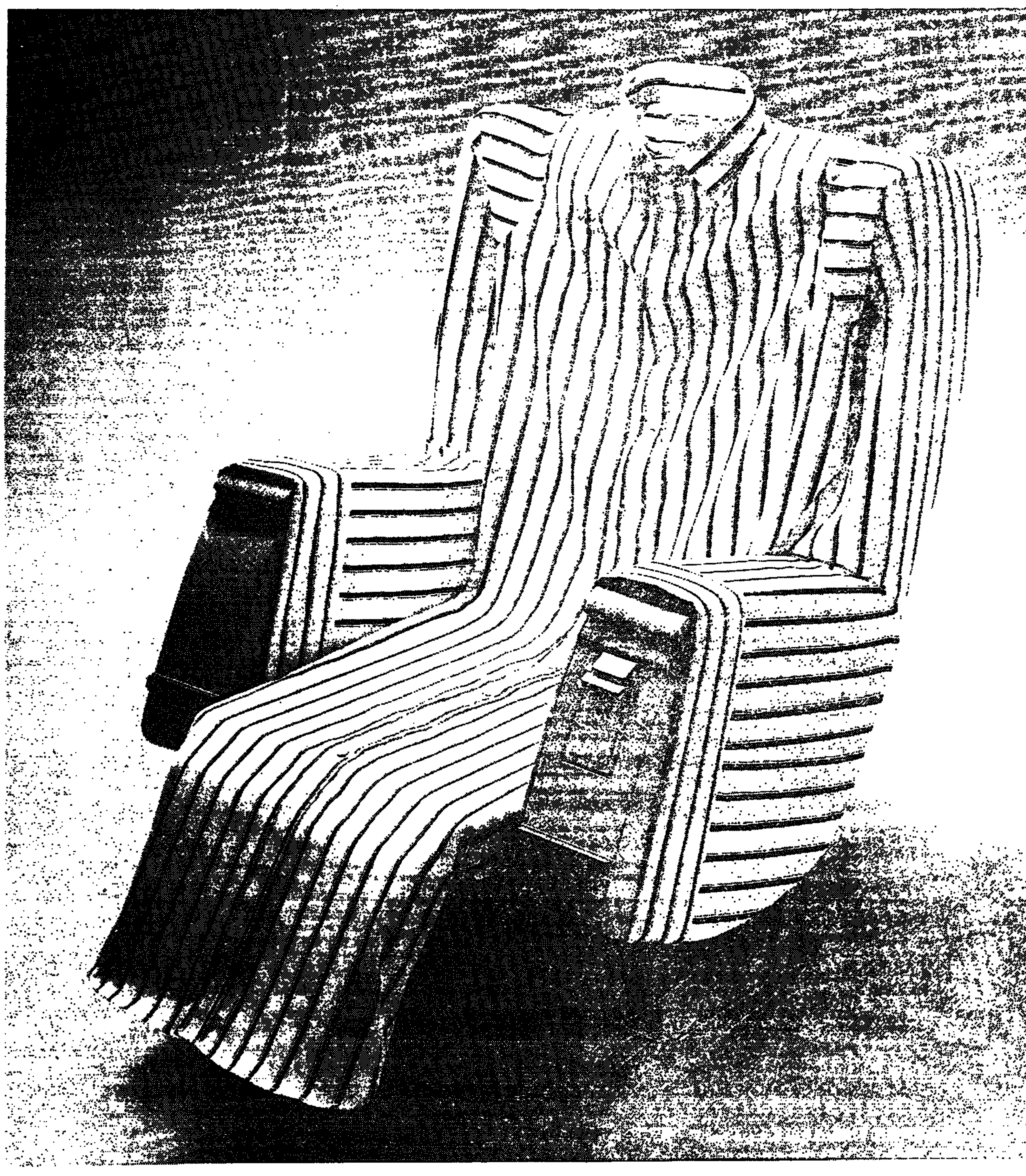
By David Tytler, Education Editor

A former Scottish law lord will oversee the change in the law allowing universities to dismiss academics they consider incompetent. Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, aged 77, begins work as chairman of the University Commissioners in the autumn.

Lord Fraser said yesterday: "I have an open mind but I do think it is wrong that a university cannot get rid of people who are incompetent".

The Government's Education Reform Bill abolishes security of tenure for academics. The chairman and four other commissioners yet to be appointed will be asked to modify university statutes and set up a disputes procedure.

The four other commissioners are expected to be an academic lawyer, a former university vice-chancellor, an expert on the Scottish system, and a businessman with academic world knowledge.



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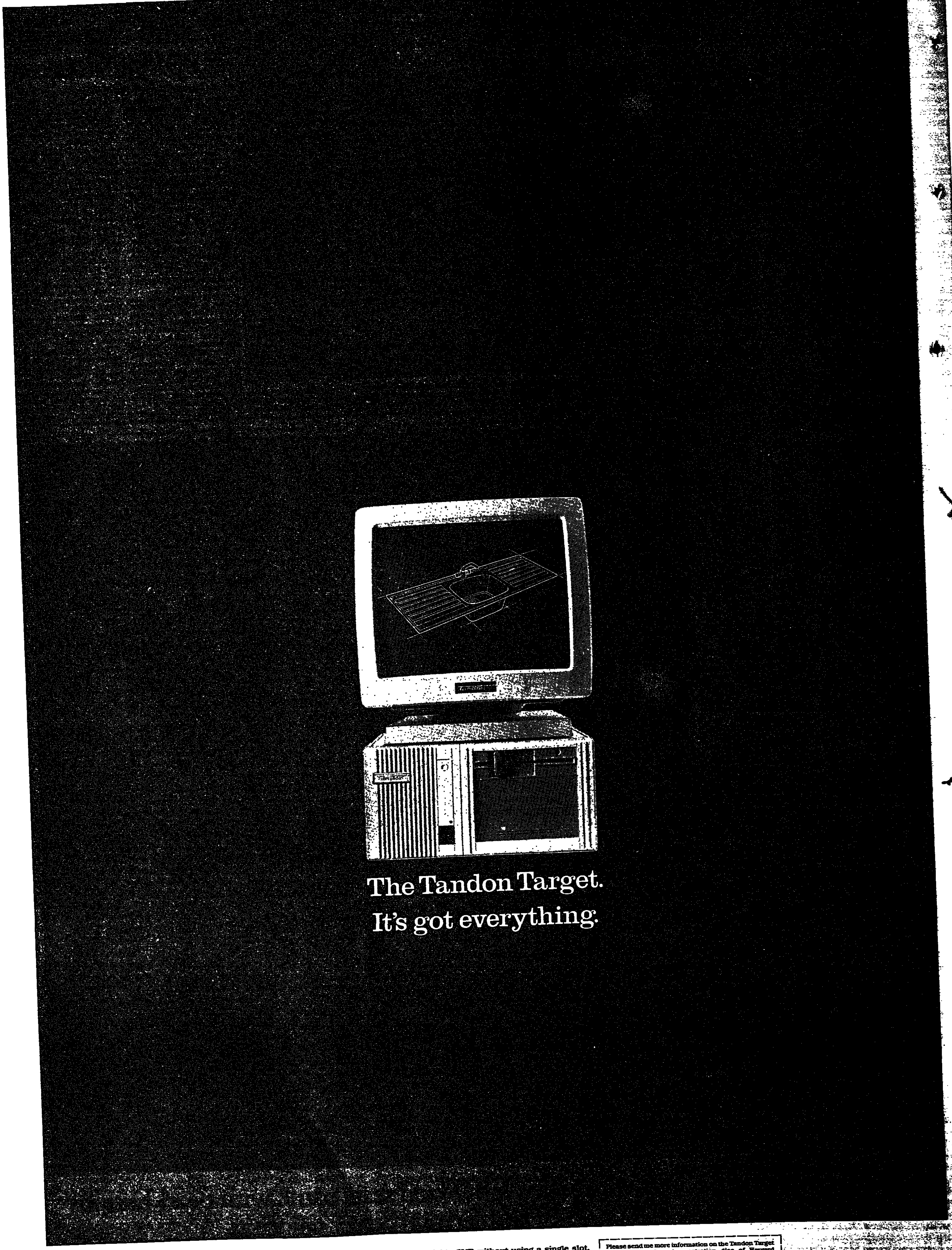

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Violence and sex crimes up as overall rise steadies

By Peter Evans

Violence against the person and sexual offences both increased by 15 per cent in the 12 months to March compared with the same period the previous year, a Home Office statistical bulletin on recorded crime said yesterday.

The rise contrasts sharply with an increase of only 1 per cent in crime overall in England and Wales. Overall recorded offences rose by 37,000 to 3,912,300.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday that the total rise compared with an average annual increase over the last 30 years of 6 per cent.

Crime had dropped by 2.3 per cent in the Metropolitan Police area, by 1.2 per cent in Greater Manchester, 2.9 per cent in West Midlands and 2.6 per cent on Merseyside.

The big city drops he described contrast with a 3.4 per cent increase in the non-metropolitan areas.

Mr Patten said: "We would suspect that some of the increase in the non-metropolitan more rural areas has been due to some of the weekend brawling which has been disfiguring some of our otherwise quiet market towns".

There were also rises in West Yorkshire (1.6 per cent), Northumbria (1.8 per cent), and South Yorkshire (0.2 per cent).

Mr Patten said he viewed the 6 per cent drop in domestic burglaries in the context of the Government's crime prevention drive and 50,000 neighbourhood watch schemes, which were beginning to pay off – but the 12 per cent rise in thefts from cars was upsetting. "We would have had a decline in crime rate in the country but for that fact", he said.

Crimes against the person accounted for about 5 per cent of overall crimes. Mr Patten said he was concerned at the rise in such crimes, which had occurred in spite of longer prison sentences.

Mr Patten hoped measures in the Criminal Justice Bill, expected to get Royal Assent before the summer recess, will provide a package of deterrents.

Under the Bill, knife carriers will have to show they have a good reason for having them or face punishment.

The sale of offensive weapons for which there can be no legitimate use will be banned and suppliers will face imprisonment or a fine.

Criminals carrying firearms will risk life sentences. The Attorney General will be able to refer over-lenient sentences for the most serious offences to the Court of Appeal.

The rules guaranteeing anonymity for rape victims will be strengthened and courts will have to compensate victims of violence except in exceptional circumstances.

● Police are hunting two young men who robbed a nun of her handbag containing £2 as she walked across a common at Harlow, Essex. The attackers were wearing balaclava helmets.

Det Inspector John Soanes said: "It horrifies me to think that nuns are subject to attack when they do nothing but good in the community".

The nun, aged 51, who was unhurt, is involved in social work and had been walking home after visiting old people.

Royal Norfolk Show

Dairy cows take a triple rosette

Top dairy cows carried off a triple at the [illegible] Royal Norfolk Agricultural Show at Costessey, Norfolk.

Mr John Temple, a farmer, of New Farm, Wells, Norfolk, carried off the supreme championship for a dual-purpose female. The animal took the breed championship, and was also one of the inter-breed dairy group champions for the best team of three dairy cows.

Mr Temple's prize British Friesian, Foxhole Oranje Red, aged seven, has already won the Essex supreme inter-breed title and took the double at the Suffolk Show last month. She now goes to the Royal Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, next week.

Mr Peter Prior, the herd manager, was delighted by her success and is now hoping to tuck more rosettes behind her ears at Stoneleigh.

More than 90,000 people attended the show, under blue skies and with little wind. Mr Gavin Alston, the honorary director, said: "It depends on how many schoolchildren take advantage of their day's holiday to come to this show whether the scale swings above the 100,000 figure."

Record attendance for the two-day show was 101,188 in 1981.

Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in whose constituency, South Norfolk, the show was held, took the day off to meet people and tour its [illegible] after a busy schedule there on the first day.

CATTLE: Supreme champion dairy or dual-purpose female: British Friesian: J F Temple & Son Ltd. New Farm. Wells-next-the-Sea. Norfolk. Reserve: Ayrshire: J Paterson. Hall Farm. Dilham. Norfolk. Dairy or dual-purpose breed champion: British Friesian: tie between J F Temple & Son Ltd and Lord Rayleigh's Farms Incorporated and Strutt & Parker (Farms) Ltd. Whitelands. Hatfield Peverel. Chelmsford. Essex. Reserve: Ayrshire: tie between J Paterson. Hall Farm. Dilham. Norfolk. and William Doig & Sons. Overy Farm. Eccles. Norfolk.

Inter-breed dairy group champion (best team of three dairy cows): British Friesians: one owned J F Temple & Son Ltd. two owned by Lord Rayleigh's Farms Incorporated. Reserve: Jerseys: three beasts shown by Mr & Mrs R Clear and Miss J M Peacock. Hall Farm. Little Cornard. Sudbury. Suffolk. Queen's prize for best animal of dairy breed: Ayrshire: J Paterson. Hall Farm. Dilham. Norfolk. Reserve: British Friesian: J E Alston. Uphall. Garboldisham. Norfolk. Champion female beef cattle: Limousin: J C L Read. The Lodge. The Green. Hessett. Bury St Edmunds. Suffolk. Reserve: British Simmental: E W Filby & Sons. Grove Farm. Felbrigg. Norfolk. Champion male beef cattle: Limousin: D & M K Green & Sons. Gifford's Farm. St Ives. Huntingdonshire. Reserve: Charolais: R & K Proctor. Church Farm. Boughton. Norfolk. Best breed champion: Limousin. D & M K Green & Sons. Giffords Farm. St Ives. Huntingdonshire and J C & L Read. The Lodge. The Green. Hessett. Bury St. Edmunds. Suffolk. Reserve: Simmental: G D Key & Sons. Abbey Farm. Mundham. Norfolk and E W Filby & Sons. Grove Farm. Felbrigg. Norfolk.

Inter-breed group champion (best team of three beef cattle of one breed): British Simmental: G D Key & Sons. Abbey Farm. Mundham. Norfolk: Mr & Mrs A Hurn. Beech Farm. Calthorpe. Norfolk. and G D Key & Sons. Abbey Farm. Mundham. Norfolk. Reserve: Aberdeen Angus: W A German. Manor House. Wimwick: I H McLaren & Son. The Warren. Croughton. Brackley. Northants. and B W Carter. Priory Farm. Blackborough End. Norfolk.

Dairy breeder of the year (best group of three dairy cattle): British Friesians: Lord Rayleigh's Farms Incorporated. and Strutt & Parker (Farms) Ltd. Whitelands. Hatfield Peverel. Essex. Reserve: Jerseys: Mr & Mrs R Clear and Miss J M Peacock. Hall Farm. Little Cornard. Suffolk.

Best breeder of the year (Best group of beef cattle): Champion British Simmental: E W Filby & Sons. Grove Farm. Felbrick. Norwich. Reserve: Charolais: E J Holman. The Belt. Aylsham. Norfolk.

Wildlife body 'naive' in village owl dispute

By David Nicholson-Lord

A vigorous dispute in a south Devon village over the living quarters of barn owls has led to accusations that the Nature Conservancy Council has failed to protect one of Britain's most endangered species.

The nest has also set a group of conservation-minded residents in Woodleigh at odds with Mr David Barons, a wealthy racehorse trainer.

The villagers claim owls are nesting in two barns Mr Barons wants to convert into flats; he has denied that, and the NCC has resolved the issue by the expedient of accepting his word.

Woodleigh residents have condemned the council for its failure to investigate, while Mr Barons has accused his critics of being newcomers to the countryside who should consider themselves lucky to be allowed to live there. The barn owl, whose numbers have dropped alarmingly in recent years, is given special protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, making it an offence to damage any nest in use.

Mr Kenneth Hilton, chairman of the Woodleigh parish meeting that vetted Mr Barons's building plans, said barn and farm outbuilding conversions were running at nearly 300 in the South Hams area alone. He accused the conservancy council of being sloppy and naive.

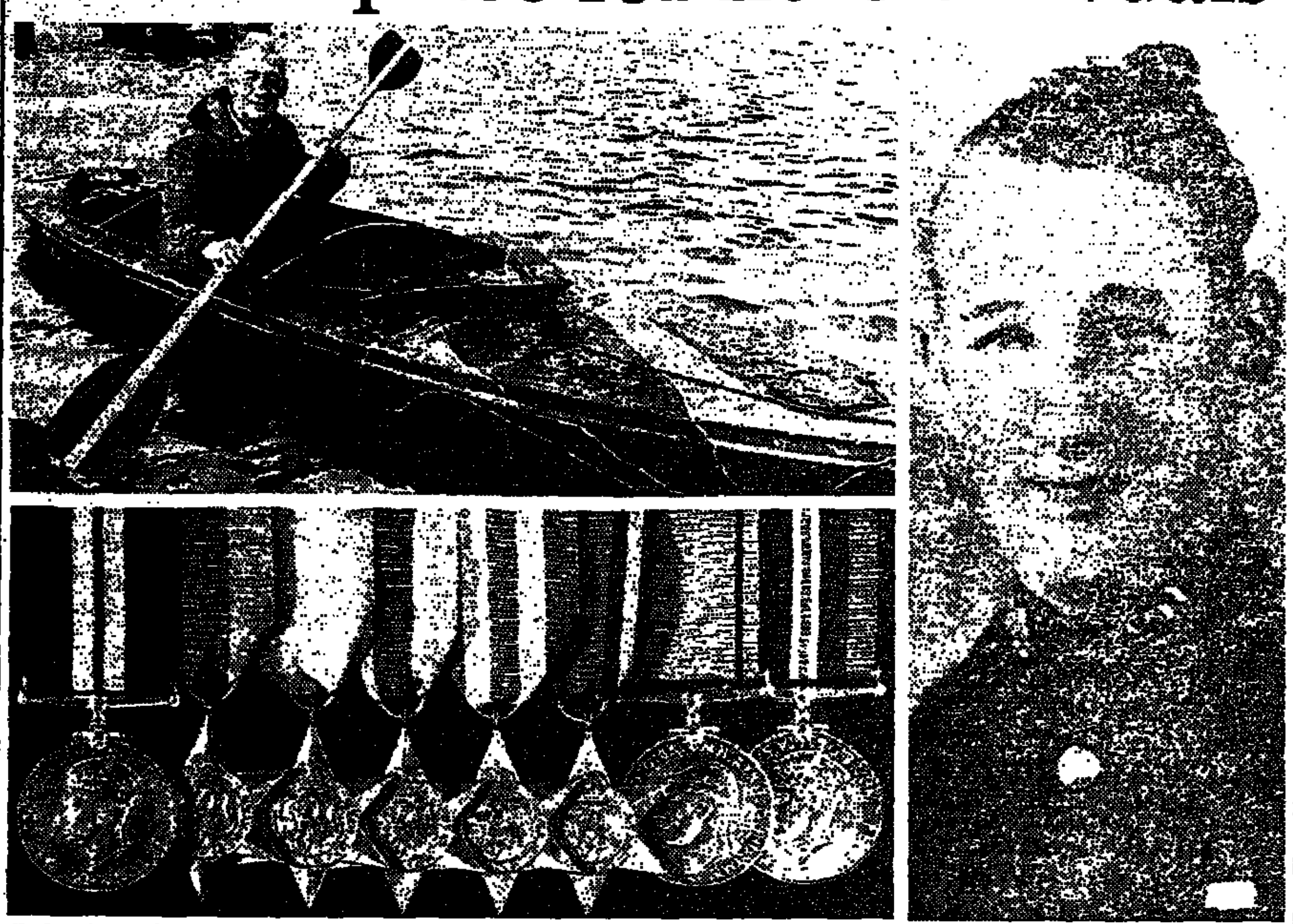
"This is a national problem involving a rare species threatened with the loss of habitat. If the council fails to be concerned even when its attention is drawn to a specific case, what is the point of legislation?"

Mr Peter Nicholson, assistant director of the NCC, said the council had no right of access to sites, but confirmed it had not asked permission for a survey of the barns.

"We were told quite peremptorily that there were no owls there and it was made quite clear that any further investigation by us would not be welcome,"he said.

Work has now started on the barnsMr Barons says any owl that arrives there over during the next two years will be found alternative accommodation.

Record price for hero's medals



Reflections of valour: Mr Bill Sparks, still canoeing at 65, and the medals he sold (from left) – Distinguished Service Medal, 1939-45 Star, Atlantic Star, Africa Star, Italy Star, Burma Star, Defence Medal and War Medal.

By David Nicholson-Lord

Mr Bill Sparks, the last of the "Cockleshell" heroes, sold the medals he won for his role in that historic raid of 1942 for a world record price of £31,000 yesterday.

Mr Sparks, aged 65, decided to part company with his Distinguished Service Medal and seven others because his invalidity pension has been cut and his savings have almost gone.

He said after the auction at Sotheby's: "I kept thinking about the lads who were on the mission with me and who didn't make it. I feel very bitter and sad because it was my prized possession."

However, he added that he was delighted with the price they fetched.

The medals went to an anonymous English collector who surpassed a rival bid of £30,000 by the Royal Marine Museum. Mr David Erskine-Hill, the auctioneer's medal specialist, said the price was staggering

Mr Sparks was one of several Marines who undertook a perilous sabotage mission in canoes up the Gironde river in France. The raid succeeded in destroying German ships in Bordeaux harbour but claimed a heavy toll: only Corporal Sparks and the leader, Major Blondie Hasler, who died last year, returned. The story was retold in the 1955 film *Cockleshell Heroes*.

"I lost eight marvellous lads in that raid", Mr Sparks said yesterday. "The medals were a contact with them. Whenever I wore them at the Cenotaph and other parades, I was representing those boys."

Mr Sparks, who with his wife, Irene, aged 68, lives in a caravan at Herstmonceux, East Sussex, was forced into the sale when his pension was cut by £20 a week after the introduction of new benefit rules this spring.

Near-miss avoided at eleventh hour

Marble relief nets £300,000

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A marble relief originally offered for sale at only £200 sold for £302,500 (including buyer's premium) at H Y Duke & Son of Dorchester yesterday.

The work, thought to be by Antonio Lombardi, the important Renaissance sculptor, probably comes from a freize designed for the Este Palace in Sassuolo, Italy, home of the Duke of Ferrara. Its fellows are now shared between the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad and the Louvre in Paris.

After a bidding battle between two telephone candidates and William Agnew, the London dealer, Mr Agnew finally prevailed, buying it for stock at £100,000 above its upper estimate.

The sale was a coup for the Dorset auctioneers, more used to prices around the £3,000 mark.

It was also a near-miss, having been sent for sale by an unidentified Weymouth resident, and catalogued at a routine January sale as a "neoclassical marble relief carved with female nude standing beside a plinth", estimated at £200 to £300.

At the eleventh hour, during the sale, Duke withdrew the lot.

Guy Swinge, one of the company's art experts, said yesterday: "I was looking through a catalogue and spotted a very similar one by the Renaissance sculptor Mosca. It crystallized at that moment."

At Sotheby's in London, yesterday, the value of paintings by Lucian Freud soared when his "Head of a Man", a small portrait of George Dyer, fetched £275,800.

The previous record for the British artist, set in July last year, was £63,800.

Dated 1966, the portrait was offered for sale by Mr H J Renton of London.

"Until 11.30 this morning, nobody knew what Freud was worth", Mr Hugues Joffre, a Sotheby's expert, said.

"One can only imagine what a full-scale work by him would fetch."

British artists performed particularly well at the sale, which achieved a record total for post-war and contemporary art of £5.6 million.

Among 11 records for individual artists a painting of Primrose Hill by Frank Auerbach fetched £137,500 (estimate up to £80,000), while Richard Hamilton's "Swinging London", a silkscreen derived from a photograph of Mick Jagger handcuffed in 1967 on a drugs charge outside Chichester court.fetched £26,400.

The top price was £616,000, paid by Stefan Hahn, the New York dealer, for an abstract sculpture by Alexander Calder, called "Could be Twins", referring to two sets of steel shapes.

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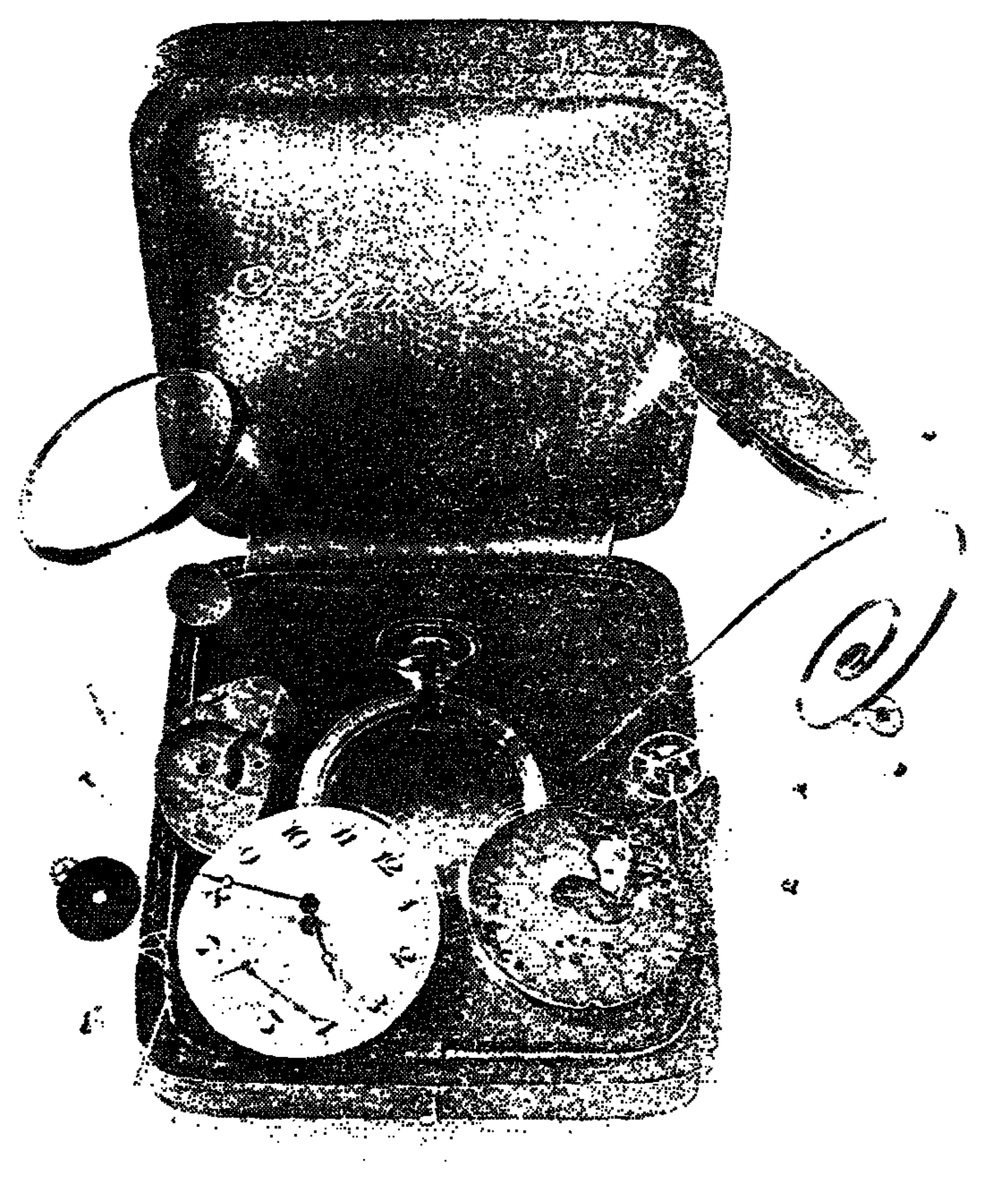

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Kremlin leaders subjected to direct complaints as Moscow party conference breaks new ground

Delegates revel in open debate with Gorbachov

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

As the Soviet Communist Party's national conference ended its third day, many of the most cherished truths about the Soviet system had been subject to open challenge. One speaker, the head of the Communist Party in Komi region in Siberia, called — in the presence of all the delegates and the Politburo — for President Gromyko and other senior officials from the Brezhnev years to step down.

Another, a steelworker from the Urals, complained that *perestroika* had failed, that there was nothing in the shops — no meat and no consumer goods. What was more, he said, people would not know who to complain to until the individual responsibilities of Politburo and Central Committee members were made public. At present, the portfolios are kept secret.

These direct and iconoclastic comments are becoming typical of exchanges at the conference, which is breaking new ground. Perhaps for the first time since the 1920s, Soviet political life is being played out almost in public. There is no live transmission, but two evening news programmes show lengthy excerpts from impassioned speeches. Principles are being questioned and individual leaders held to account by people who before would probably have hesitated to appear in their presence at all.

The second day's proceedings presented the extraordinary spectacle of one of the country's leading actors debating openly with the party General Secretary. The whole exchange, fragments of which were shown on television, was published in yesterday's papers, as were all the speeches that have been delivered so far.

Mr Mikhail Ulyanov, who is president of the recently formed Theatre Workers' Union and recently played Lenin on the Moscow stage, gave a practised and spirited show of oratory. He spoke of the "accursed fear" which had "lodged in people's genes" since Stalin's time. This fear, he said, had rushed back when the now-infamous letter by Nina Andreyeva, the Leningrad lecturer, had been published in the national press in March.

The letter, which presented a virtually Stalinist political programme, was regarded by many as the work of people opposed to Mr Gorbachov's reforms. It aroused fear among Soviet intellectuals — fear which was only strengthened by the three weeks it took for the press to publish a rebuttal.

Washington — In one of the few administration comments on changes in Moscow, Vice-President George Bush said that if Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's reforms were implemented they would "represent historic change" (Michael Binyon writes).

He told the World Affairs Council that the US was guardedly optimistic. Much was still talk, "but in a totalitarian system talk can be revolutionary". He attributed the change in attitudes to the US military build-up.

When Mr Ulyanov mentioned the Andreyeva letter, he was interrupted by Mr Gorbachov from the podium. He said that that the party conference had received a letter from Ms Andreyeva in which she stood by her views. Mr Ulyanov replied that the terrifying thing was not the letter, but the fear it had caused, and the fact that people regarded everything they read in the press as official pronouncements.

Mr Ulyanov's second encounter with Mr Gorbachov came during his passionate advocacy of a free press. The press, he said, was an "independent and serious force, not the tremulous handmaiden of a few party comrades who were used to living and ruling unchecked".

Mr Gorbachov interrupted to support Mr Ulyanov's point and call for more "pluralism" in the party press and greater responsibility. At this point Mr Ulyanov said: "Mikhail Sergeyevich, may I ask you a question?" "Please do," replied the General Secretary.

He then asked whether Mr Gorbachov favoured a press that never offended anyone, or whether he would accept that mistakes might be made and offence given if the role of the press was to be enhanced. Mr Gorbachov's reply was ambiguous in calling for boldness with responsibility. Mr Ulyanov agreed that the press needed to represent the interests of the people and the party — with which Mr Gorbachov hastily concurred. But the actor then added: "The press is also a weapon that can punish as well," before completing his speech.

The economy was a subject dealt with controversially by Mr Leonid Abalkin, an academic. But even his much-challenged view that *perestroika* had made no difference to the underlying trend in the Soviet economy and his call for a "completely new system" were less startling than his questioning of the one-party system.

The depth of his criticism only became apparent with the publication of the full text of his speech yesterday.

"The chief question is," he said, "whether we can organize society democratically and at the same time keep the organization of society by . . . the one-party system. Yes or no? And if yes, how can we do it?" If the Soviet Union intended to keep this system and the principles and organizations that went with it, he continued, there would have to be guarantees of the broadest possible expression of opinions.

He concluded: "Only when there is a choice between alternatives will the leadership be fulfilling its function as the leadership of society. If there is no choice, its only function is to correct projects which have been prepared by the apparat. That is inevitable."

Mr Boris Yeltsin, former mayor of Moscow, making a point to a conference delegate and playwright, Mr Mikhail Shatrov.

Such sentiments may have been voiced before by a Communist Party member who has the ear of the top Soviet leaders, but never at a forum where the Soviet public could read it in their newspapers.

What the party conference has done, in a way that no previous Soviet Communist Party gathering has done, is to bring the nature and role of the Communist Party and its ruling bodies under public scrutiny. A foretaste of what was to come was provided by a selection of readers' letters — published in *Pravda* under the headline, What I Would Say if I Was a Delegate — on the opening day of the conference.

A Mr V. Nikitin, a teacher from Kaliningrad, said that most of the misfortunes facing the country and the party could be traced to the lack of any definition of the position of the party in the Soviet Constitution. It was hard to reconcile, he said, the assertion that all power in the Soviet Union belonged to the people, with the recognition that the party is the leading and directing force of society. Indeed, it defied simple logic.

He went on: "The party decides who can join, it takes the most important decisions for society as a whole, and assesses its own performance at plenums, conferences and congresses . . . Is it any wonder that it takes so long for society to get to know about the 20 years of stagnation (the Brezhnev years), or half a century to find out about Stalin's terror and its scale?"

Mr N. Timoshenko, an engineer from Sverdlovsk asked how anyone could know whether *perestroika* was having any impact on the Central Committee when they knew so little about the upper reaches of the party.

He complained that the Central Committee was still exempt from *glasnost*. "We do not know what standing bodies the central committee has, we do not know anything about its structure, how many people work there, how its work is organized, the principles according to which its cadres are selected and trained, their conditions of work, or the services they are provided with. We do not know the first thing about the Politburo or the Central Committee secretariat — for instance, what they do, who each individual member is responsible for. Sometimes we know more about American senators and congressmen than we do about our own leaders."

Mr A. Russo, from Kishinev in Moldavia said he supported *perestroika*, but was concerned that the the pruning of the administrative apparatus would jeopardize his future and that of his family. A relatively junior official in his forties, he said: "I understand the need for cuts in the bureaucracy. I knew about it before, but I did not have the slightest inkling of the situation three or four years ago, before *perestroika*. I certainly could not have foreseen the course of events at the beginning of my career."

He went on: "Since then, many years have passed. And all that time — or so they told me, and I believed them — I did a useful and necessary job. I showed initiative, obtained the required results, grew into the job, and gained authority and respect. But I was a product, as I now understand, of the time of stagnation. Have all my achievements been worth nothing? . . . So it seems."

● **MOSCOW:** Prosecutors have completed a bribery investigation against Mr Yuri Churbanov, a son-in-law of Leonid Brezhnev, the late Soviet leader, it was reported yesterday. It was indicated that his case would go to trial soon (Reuter reports).

Mr Churbanov, a former senior government official, who is charged with systematic bribe-taking, will be tried by the Supreme Court, *Sovetskaya Rossiya* said, along with five former police chiefs from Uzbekistan, as well as the Central Asian republic's former interior minister and two deputies. The report indicated that all are accused of paying Mr Churbanov bribes.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Italians agree to accept F16s base

Rome (Reuter) — The Italian Parliament yesterday voted to accept the transfer of American F16 fighter-bombers from Spain by 1991, despite fierce opposition from the Communists and other left-wing parties.

A motion presented by the five-party coalition was approved after a two-day debate by 298 votes to 196, with 24 abstentions. The Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, rejected opposition claims that the relocation to Italy would harm superpower relations. Washington was forced to agree to move the 72 planes from the Torrejón base after a wrangle with Madrid about reducing its military presence.

● **BONN:** Herr Werner Hoyer, a defence expert in the Free Democratic Party, yesterday called for the immediate grounding of F16s stationed in West Germany after two separate crashes involving three of the US Air Force planes.

Mugabe releases 75

Harare — President Mugabe has ordered the release of 75 members of the security forces and of the vigilante-style youth wing of the ruling Zanu (PF) party convicted of atrocities and human rights abuses (Jan Raath writes).

A government spokesman confirmed yesterday that an order for a "special category of amnesty" had been issued. It was reported without attribution by Bulawayo's *Chronicle* newspaper yesterday, a month after a six-week amnesty for guerrillas in the Matabeleland bush ended with 114 giving themselves up. It is understood that after the amnesty Mr Mugabe was lobbied by senior officers of the armed forces and of the Zanu (PF) executive, arguing that the guerrillas' freedom required a *quid pro quo* for convicted members of the security forces and the youth wing. Legal sources say the 75 "must account for nearly all" government or party members convicted of atrocities in Matabeleland.

Death penalty review

Washington — The Supreme Court yesterday agreed to consider banning the death penalty for all juvenile murderers, a day after issuing a decision that could end capital punishment for killers who committed their crimes under the age of 16 (Michael Binyon writes).

The court said it would decide next year whether the death penalty for children violated the constitutional ban on "cruel and unusual punishment". Thirty people who committed crimes when under 18 are on death row and nine states allow the execution of children as young as 14. On Wednesday the court voted to overturn the death sentences of three juvenile murderers, including Paula Cooper, for whom the Pope had appealed for clemency.

White House drugs

Washington — The White House yesterday said it would begin mandatory random drug tests on its staff within 60 days after three Secret Service guards and two secretaries at the National Security Council were relieved of their duties and face possible arrest after an investigation into cocaine use at the White House (Michael Binyon writes).

The three guards are on paid leave and the two secretaries have been dismissed. President Reagan was told that there were no breaches of security.

Torture acquittals

Cairo (Reuter) — An Egyptian court yesterday acquitted 44 policemen accused of torturing detained Muslim fundamentalists after the 1981 assassination of President Sadat. The officers, ranging from a corporal to a lieutenant-general, had been charged with torturing defendants during the mass trial, which lasted two years, of members of the outlawed Jihad group. The policemen were accused of flogging them and burning them with cigarettes to force confessions. The Cairo Criminal Court said it had 130 reasons for acquitting the officers, including what it said was a lack of evidence.

Britain takes over

Royal Navy warships begin their first joint patrols in the Gulf today with Dutch and Belgian minesweepers, as Britain takes the presidency of the Western European Union (Nicholas Beeston writes). Whitehall sources said yesterday that Britain had four main goals during its one-year presidency of the seven-member defence grouping: boosting co-operation in logistics and training; strengthening the WEU as a pillar in the broader Western alliance; building on its joint operations such as in the Gulf; and opening the way for Spain and Portugal to join.

Dispute over Transylvania intensifies

Romania warns Hungary of sterner measures

From Richard Bassett
Debrecen, Hungary

Sending up clouds of dust, the three diplomatic lorries, flanked by motorcycle outriders, sluggishly made their way to Debrecen.

Loaded with the books, furniture and diplomatic dining service of Hungary's ill-fated consulate in Cluj in north-east Romania, it was an unusual convoy. Farmers watched its progress carefully, aware that it marked the rude shutting of Hungary's window on Transylvania, the cradle of Magyar culture where more than a million ethnic Hungarians have lived since the region was ceded to Romania after the First World War.

With the lorries came consular staff. Among the seven full-time consuls, drivers and secretaries with their families, there was little sign of the hasty preparations which had accompanied Romania's 48-hour ultimatum to close the consulate.

The move, without precedent in diplomatic relations between Warsaw Pact states, was accompanied yesterday by reports that the Romanians had also insisted that Hungary close its cultural centre in Bucharest. The decision has infuriated the Hungarians, but both the former Cluj Consul, Mr Domokos Vekas, and his Vice-Consul, Mr Emil Popovics, displayed only imperturbable calm.

Mr Vekas, who spent more than five years in Cluj and completed his high school education there, clearly felt that he had been cut off from his roots. "This is a move which cannot help either country. None of us is happy at being forced to leave," a consular colleague said.

The Romanian decision has been justified as suitable retaliation for what it considers the Hungarians' official tolerance of an anti-Romanian demonstration by tens of thousands in front of the Romanian Embassy in Budapest on Monday. The demonstration was a protest against plans by the Romanian leader, President Ceausescu, to raze hundreds of villages in Transylvania, which is seen by Hungarians as a deliberate attempt at cultural genocide.

Yesterday, the entire region between Debrecen and the Romanian frontier was seething with rumour. Hungarians who were in Cluj earlier this week said that military service for students at the university had been stepped up.

Mr Grosz: Told Parliament he wants improved relations.

The mood of the population in Cluj is said to be tense, with the majority of the citizens, Romanian as well as Hungarian, nervous that the deterioration in relations may lead to military confrontation.

Mr Karoly Grosz, Hungary's leader, was at pains to point out that Hungary would do its best to restore relations with Romania. "Do not think that temporary differences are necessarily permanent," he said after the Hungarian Parliament had debated the Transylvania question.

Nearer the frontier the mood is less optimistic. "There is bound to be a provocation sooner or later," a young Magyar man living near Cluj said yesterday. "No one believes that this will go on indefinitely. Everyone is waiting for something."

Hungarians in Debrecen reacted in anger at the closure of the consulate. "You see what happens when we try to demonstrate peacefully," said a student who, at Monday's demonstration, had waved a banner comparing Mr Ceausescu with Hitler.

Mr Ceausescu, as if aware that there may be a recurrence of Monday's demonstration outside his embassy, reiterated that he was prepared to close the Romanian Embassy in Budapest and if necessary completely break off ties with Hungary.

Accompanying these heated exchanges, regulations on the Romanian side of the frontier came into force this week, tightening up security within 10 miles of the border. Anyone found straying off the main roads without proof that they are resident in the area will be presumed to be leaving Romania illegally.

Romanian television broadcast the news earlier this week that two villages near Bucharest had been demolished in accordance with Mr Ceausescu's plans. According to sources recently in Cluj, the next villages chosen for demolition are in Transylvania and are the first whose population is made up of Hungarians.

The inhabitants of one of the villages, Luna-de-Sus, are determined that they will not leave their homes even when the bulldozers arrive.

In ironic counterpoint to the Communist Party conference in Moscow, with its vision of a new socialist order, the crisis between Hungary and Romania is an example of how *glasnost* can threaten the traditional but fragile stability of Eastern Europe.

So far, the storm cloud on Mr Gorbachov's horizon is no bigger than a man's hand. But history has shown that, in the Balkans, such clouds gather rapidly and it is a foolish man who ignores their warning.

● **BELGRADE:** Mr Stipe Suvar, a hard-liner from Croatia, has been elected Yugoslavia's Communist Party president (AP reports). Mr Suvar, long considered the party ideologist, won by an unspecified margin from another Croatian, Mr Ivica Racan, a reformist.

During a recent party conference in Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most liberal republic, Mr Suvar was openly called the party's "greatest dogmatist". He is believed to be an ally of Mr Slobodan Milosevic, president of the hard-line leadership in Serbia.

Party vote puts Begin family on course for a comeback

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

The fiery oratory of the Begin family is certain to be heard in the Knesset after the general election in November after Wednesday's vote by the 2,000 members of the Herut Party central committee to choose its candidates.

Mr Binyamin (Benny) Begin, son of the former party leader and Prime Minister Mr Menacham Begin, was a favourite choice, coming third out of the 104 hopefuls for 35 places.

He beat all the long-established party leaders even though he only agreed to stand two days earlier, showing the charisma of the family name and respect for his ability to make rousing speeches.

The first place went to another young lion of the party, Mr Binyamin Netanyahu, until recently Israel's outspoken Ambassador to the United Nations and brother of the man who died leading the Entebbe rescue operation 12 years ago. The family is revered in Israel because of this connection, and the former ambassador, who is American-educated, is a certain vote winner.

A close runner-up was Mr Moshe Katsav, another of the party's young guard, a city Knesset member who has already won distinction as Labour Minister.

After the three young ones came three members of the established leadership. First was Mr Moshe Arens, who is the choice of Mr Yitzhak Shamir as his successor as party leader. Next came Mr Ariel Sharon, the Defence Minister at the time of the Lebanon war. He narrowly beat Mr David Levy, the Housing Minister and spokesman for the many poor Oriental Jews who support the party.

***Jerusalem* — *A 101-page appeal against the conviction and death sentence in April on John Demjanjuk for the war crimes of "Ivan the Terrible", the mass executioner of Treblinka, was accepted by the High Court here yesterday* (Ian Murray writes). His lawyer argued there was a lack of proof, and no evidence to contradict Demjanjuk's claim that he was never in Treblinka.**

This order was particularly good for Mr Sharon, who has trailed Mr Levy in popularity for some time. It indicates that he is poised to make a serious challenge for the leadership when Mr Shamir decides to step down. The party's other Cabinet ministers all won places among the 35, as did most of the city members, although voters will find 15 new faces on the list.

The final order of the list will be decided next Wednesday, when the top places will be given to the old guard, with the popular young recruits given lower but realistic places. The Herut list will be integrated with the Liberals' list for the election to form one for the Likud faction. Mr Shamir will automatically be first on the list.

● **Missile deal:** Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, yesterday ended a week-long visit to the United States after signing a deal meant to curb the growing threat to security from the missile arsenal in Arab countries.

The deal means that the US will pay 80 per cent of the $130 million (£76 million) cost of Israel's development of the Arrow anti tactical ballistic missile, which is designed to intercept ground-to-ground missiles.

There is added urgency here for completion of the programme after reports that Syria wants to buy accurate M 9 ground-to-ground missiles from China.

These missiles could hit virtually any target in Israel from Syrian territory. Defence planners here are particularly concerned that they could be used to launch chemical warheads.

Mr Rabin gave a warning last week that the best defence against this kind of weapon was attack, and that Israel would strike back "sevenfold" against any country that used them.

Crippled US television looks to Britain for a happy ending

From Charles Bremner
New York

American viewers may soon be watching far more British television if Hollywood and New York scriptwriters keep up a strike that has turned into one of the most damaging stoppages in the American entertainment industry and is now threatening the future of the main broadcasting networks.

On Wednesday, Mr Brandon Tartikoff, the head of entertainment for NBC, the most successful network, said the dispute, now in its 17th week, had precipitated a crisis and he threatened a series of moves to limit the damage.

Among these is a plan to buy programmes from Britain and Canada. The big three networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — show virtually no British material. The BBC and the independent British networks have had their drama and comedy hits on the much less powerful public television channels and local stations.

Mr Tartikoff warned in his stern statement, aimed at both the writers and the production companies which employ them, that the strike could shape the fortunes of the big networks.

The corporations are already locked in a struggle to keep their audiences and advertising from the encroachment of cable television, better local stations and other video entertainment.

For weeks, television audiences have been treated to weary repeats of repeats of popular situation comedies and police dramas. The companies have brought non-union labour in to write the daytime soap operas, presumably on the principle that amateurs could handle the wooden dialogue, pregnant pauses and meaningful glances as well as the professionals. Writers have also been working under union-approved contracts to keep up the joke flow on certain popular talk shows, such as Johnny Carson's.

But if the strike runs for another two weeks the networks may have to cancel their next season of new shows, the vital autumn period when the ratings make or break the companies' balance sheets.

Last week, the Writers' Guild voted to reject a "final offer" from the producers, setting the scene for weeks of deadlock. The producers now say they will not even take telephone calls from the Guild. About 1,000 dissident writers are campaigning to go back to work, accusing their colleagues of waging what amounts to a political campaign that threatens the whole industry.

In the feature film business the crunch has been slower in coming because of its less urgent thirst for scripts. But the big studios are beginning to feel the pinch. Filming is being delayed and even completed scripts require writers for revisions during shooting.

The writers have not endeared themselves to the several thousand lesser Hollywood workers who have been laid off. These include wardrobe workers, electricians, make-up artists, and electricians. The writers, they suspect, are busy at home with their word processors stocking up on scripts for the end of the strike.

The big studios, such as Twentieth Century Fox in Beverly Hills and Universal Studios in Hollywood, are acquiring the feel of ghost towns. Universal closed its canteen last week because so few people are working. The economic effects are being felt by the Los Angeles restaurant business and the car dealers, who are getting used to repossessing the Mercedes and Porsches of new poor writers.

Beyond the bitterness, the experts see the strike as a symptom of Hollywood's explosion of costs. The producers are finding that it is harder to pass on the burden of high fees and salaries to the television market.

The big shows are now "deficit financed", which means that the production companies only make profits on a series after it has run for three years and moved into syndication with independent stations, or is sold abroad.

The two sticking points in the strike involve fees for programmes in syndication and foreign royalties.

Impatience proves a stumbling block on Roh road to reform

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

The path to democracy in South Korea may be paved with good intentions, but it remains strewn with petrol bombs, allegations of corruption and bitter memories of a massacre.

A year after hastening the end of authoritarian rule with a declaration of liberal reforms, President Roh is finding it impossible to implement them to everyone's liking.

Mr Roh summed up his dilemma in a policy speech this week marking the first anniversary of his reform movement. "It is saddening that unrestrained public demands, that cannot be met in one fell swoop, are erupting as the process of democratization goes on.

"Impatience to resolve immediately problems that have accumulated over a long period is spreading throughout society."

Appealing for patience and restraint, he expressed concern about recurring civil unrest. "Movements to topple our treasured free democratic system by violent revolution have emerged," he said.

With the Seoul Olympics fast approaching, Mr Roh's most pressing task is to quell unruly students who refuse to recognize his election to office. In this he is aided by growing public disenchantment with the students, once the vanguard of the revolution against authoritarian rule. Most people are fed up with the violent antics of a small minority of idealists and hot-heads. Thus a widely-publicized demonstration for reunification talks with North Korea in early June failed to attract popular support, even from within the student body itself.

Last week a mob of students shot themselves in the foot by ransacking the office of the president of the prestigious Seoul National University. The mindless attack was universally deplored, even in opposition circles.

So far Mr Roh has wisely refrained from clamping a lid on dissent, opting to offer moderate concessions. His latest suggestion this week was to organize a soccer match between students from South and North Korea.

The idea is regarded by his critics as a trial balloon which will eventually disappear, but it served to remind the students who is in charge. They may expect a further and more salutory reminder soon. Evidently encouraged by antipathy towards the petrol bomb brigade, Mr Roh pledged in his anniversary address to "resolutely deal with those overstepping the boundaries of the law".

Of more serious concern to the former army general are demands from opposition parties, which dominate the National Assembly, for inquiries into the conduct of the previous regime in which he served as Minister for Home Affairs. At the top of the list is the suppression of a revolt in the southern city of Kwangju in 1980, in which martial law troops shot dead at least 200 people. Equally controversial are allegations of corruption by former President Chun and his family.

The Opposition, led by the Mr Kim Dae Jung, has been using its new-found political muscle to force parliamentary debates on both issues. In his anniversary speech, Mr Kim said that unless both affairs were cleared up promptly, political stability and the Olympics were at risk.

Hanoi pulls out Cambodia command

Lieutenant-General Le Ngoc Hien, left, shaking hands with General Koy Buntha, his Cambodian counterpart, before the Vietnamese military commanders left Phnom Penh.

Phnom Penh (Reuter) – The high command of Vietnam's Army in Cambodia went home yesterday, a big step by Hanoi in winding down its nine-year occupation of its neighbour.

Lieutenant-General Le Ngoc Hien and about 300 members of his Cambodian command boarded Vietnamese planes and helicopters at Pochenthong airport and departed for south Vietnam, witnesses said.

Vietnam says it will withdraw half of its approximately 100,000 troops in Cambodia this year and the remainder by the end of 1990. Command of the remaining Vietnamese soldiers now passes officially to the Cambodian military.

The departure of Vietnam's high command is likely to be seen as a demonstration of Vietnam's confidence in the ability of the pro-Hanoi Government of Mr Hun Sen, the Prime Minister, to resist the coalition of guerrilla groups.

Vietnam sent 200,000 troops into Cambodia in 1979 to topple the four-year-old rule of the Khmer Rouge, which is still the most effective fighting force in the three-party coalition headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

The Khmer Rouge under Pol Pot was blamed for the deaths of up to a million Cambodians. Vietnam and the Phnom Penh Government have insisted that any peace settlement should guarantee that the Khmer Rouge does not return to power.

A senior Vietnamese official said this week that the guerrillas were in no position to topple the Government without outside aid. Many Vietnamese units were no longer necessary, such as artillery, anti-aircraft and tank units, and had been or would be pulled out, he said.

Vietnamese civilian advisers would be removed by the end of the year although some experts would be sent back to the country on temporary assignments, the official said.

The main weakness of the Khmer Rouge guerrilla campaign was its lack of support because of the party's violent history in power, he said.

Mr Hun Sen said on Wednesday that about a quarter of the 50,000 Vietnamese troops due to leave the country this year had already left. He said that he would meet Mr Rafee Uddin Ahmed, the United Nations envoy who was due to arrive in the Cambodian capital late yesterday.

The pace of diplomatic efforts to end the conflict has quickened and Indonesia is trying to arrange a peace conference involving all parties later this month.

● HO CHI MINH CITY: A total of 25,000 Vietnamese soldiers have been killed in Cambodia since Vietnam toppled the Khmer Rouge regime, Major-General La Kha Phieu, deputy Commander-in-Chief of Vietnamese forces in Cambodia, said. He also revealed that Vietnam had lost 30,000 troops in fighting against the Khmer Rouge in south-west Vietnam between 1977 and 1979.

Churchmen defy Pretoria and call for boycott

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South African church leaders, in their most clear-cut act of civil disobedience, yesterday openly defied the state of emergency regulations by calling on all Christians in the country to boycott the October 26 elections to segregated municipal councils.

Declaring that "the truth cannot be bound by unjust laws", 26 church leaders, representing 16 different denominations, urged their fellow Christians to refuse to take part in the elections either as candidates or as voters.

"By involving themselves in the elections, Christians would be participating in their oppression or the oppression of others," the churchmen said, adding their voice to that of the outlawed ANC, which has already said it intends to disrupt the election campaign.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, head of the Anglican Church in southern Africa, heads the multiracial list of signatories to the boycott appeal, which is also supported, among others, by the Baptist, Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and sections of the Dutch Reformed Church set up to minister to blacks and mixed-race Coloureds.

Johannesburg (AP) – At least 13 whites and one black were injured yesterday when a bomb exploded in a Pretoria shopping arcade that also houses the Air Force headquarters and the Prisons Department, police said. Two of the whites were children.

The blast was the latest in a series of attacks, which police have blamed on the outlawed African National Congress, aimed at civilians.

In a joint statement the churchmen said that, as newspapers here would be prohibited from publishing their appeal under the state of emergency, they intended to disseminate it through church newsletters and news agencies and by word of mouth in defiance of the law.

They were calling for the boycott, they said, because no elections could be fair and free under the emergency and because "the structures of the constitutional system in South Africa are based on racial and ethnic identity".

The decision to call for a boycott, which is a direct violation of the emergency censorship regulations and punishable by a maximum prison term of 10 years, was taken in closed session by delegates at the annual conference of the South African Council of Churches.

The Council of Churches, and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, which has observer status in the council and shares its political views, have a following of 10.23 million, 80 per cent of them black. This is about a third of the population of South Africa.

Dr Frank Chikane, the general secretary of the Council of Churches, foreshadowed the boycott call when he opened the council's conference last Monday night, declaring that the time had come to move decisively from "passive condemnation of the system to active opposition to it".

Over the past year the churches have found themselves thrust more and more into the fore of the struggle against apartheid as the Government has tightened the screw of repression and censorship, culminating last February in the effective banning of 17 leading extra-parliamentary organizations.

Five days after the issue of the restriction order, Archbishop Tutu led a group of 150 clergymen of all races and faiths who tried to march to Parliament to present a petition of protest to President Botha. Police with water cannon broke up the procession.

The churches are the only significant multiracial institutions here in which blacks have been elected to positions of leadership and where a form of democratic majority rule operates. A further worsening of church-state relations can only be to Pretoria's disadvantage, but if it allows the emergency regulations to be flouted it runs the risk of inviting more violations and taunts of weakness from the far-right Conservative Party.

If Pretoria can persuade a respectable number of blacks to turn out at the polling booths, it will have successfully relaunched the government-sponsored system of black township councils.

IRA guns ruling

Brussels – A Belgian lawyer has been given a one-year jail sentence suspended for five years for his role in running guns for the IRA in 1983 (Jonathan Braude writes). Robert Versteegh, aged 51, was convicted on an appeal by the public prosecutor after a lower court had ruled his case was not proven. French police found the guns at Le Havre harbour.

Poll tension

Port Moresby (AP) – Papua New Guinea tribesmen supporting rival candidates in provincial elections fought with bows and arrows and 10 were admitted to hospital with serious injuries.

Landslide toll

Ankara – Ten more bodies were recovered from a coffee house in Turkey's north-eastern village of Catak as the death toll from last week's landslide continued to rise.

Seal virus

Stockholm (Reuter) – Hundreds of dead and dying seals stricken by a mystery virus are being washed ashore on Sweden's west coast.

Defiant births

Peking (AFP) – China estimates that one million children were born in defiance of a one child per family policy and that they are without papers needed to get an education, jobs and rations.

Iranian vote

Nicosia (Reuter) – The Iranian Prime Minister, Mr Mir-Hossein Moussavi, won a vote of confidence from the new Parliament by 204-8, the Irna news agency reported.

Suspect killed

Delhi (AFP) – Maoist rebels beheaded a suspected police informer in Andhra Pradesh and hung the severed head on a statue of Mahatma Gandhi.

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Coalition wrangles cloud Kohl's image

From Richard Owen, Bonn

West Germans, like other Europeans, enjoy success. National attention is gripped by the Wimbledon fortunes of Boris Becker and Steffi Graf. On a deeper level, West Germany's image in the EEC and Nato is riding high, and will be further enhanced today by the arrival in Brussels of Herr Manfred Wörner, the former Defence Minister, as Nato Secretary-General in succession to Lord Carrington.

Yet Chancellor Helmut Kohl returned to Bonn from the EEC summit in Hanover to find that, whatever his standing abroad, his position at home is less secure, not least because of the increasing fragility of his coalition.

Herr Kohl, *Die Zeit* said, is unpredictable and a poor communicator. "Not only is he deficient at explaining what he does, sometimes he seems not even to want to bother." And *Stern*, more bluntly, said: "Kohl has lost his instinct for what pleases or impresses the public, and he dismisses criticism. His impertinence in taking voters for fools is breathtaking."

Herr Kohl certainly presided over a successful EEC summit, and was congratulated for his EEC presidency. Herr Martin Bangemann, the former Economics Minister, failed in his bid to become President of the European Commission. But he is to be given a senior post in Brussels by way of compensation.

Bonn's successful campaign to focus EEC energies on monetary union means West Germany will play a central role in the 1992 single market process. Equally, the arrival in Brussels of Herr Wörner is seen as symbolizing West Germany's crucial role in the Western Alliance.

Herr Wörner, like Lord Carrington, is widely respected in Nato. Some officials here think he may prove more irascible and less diplomatic than Lord Carrington and there are lingering doubts about his judgement.

But European leaders are reassured by Herr Wörner's insistence on strong Western defences, and they believe his backing for nuclear modernization will help to defuse tensions over the updating of short-range nuclear missiles deployed in West Germany.

There is no disguising that, despite its favourable international image, West Germany is rent by internal division, with the Christian Democrat-Free Democrat coalition under growing strain.

The key issue is Herr Kohl's much vaunted tax reform, which comes to a final vote in the Bundesrat (Upper House) next week. Because of dissention the proposals have been watered down, yet they remain controversial. This has damaged the standing of Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Finance Minister, who was once seen as a potential Chancellor but whose future is in doubt.

"The coalition is suffering a haemorrhage," one observer said. With Herr Bangemann and Herr Wörner in Brussels, and other ministers faltering, Herr Kohl is under pressure to consolidate the Government through an autumn reshuffle.

Some even believe the coalition is past saving. Hanover revealed an open split between Herr Kohl and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister and a leading Free Democrat, over West Germany's concept of monetary union.

There is no move yet for the Free Democrats to abandon Herr Kohl and revert to their former coalition with the Social Democrats. But the Social Democrats were boosted by their victory in the regional election in Schleswig-Holstein in May, and are likely to display growing confidence at their party congress in August.

The likely successor to Herr Bangemann as leader of the Free Democrats, Count Otto Lambsdorff, launched a wide-ranging critique of the coalition's economic record yesterday. As if to back him up, four of West Germany's leading economics institutes issued a report forecasting low growth next year — 1.25 per cent compared with 2 per cent this year — with higher inflation and unemployment.

Herr Kohl emerged last month from his party congress at Wiesbaden with his authority intact. But he was also — as one party source put it — "given warning" that the party is unhappy about coalition wrangling and that his re-election as party leader next year before the 1990 general election is "not automatic".

To add to his troubles, Herr Kohl was also threatened by the Greens with a court case over his alleged role in a scandal involving the sale of West German submarines to South Africa in breach of a United Nations embargo.

His immediate concern, however, is to placate regional Prime Ministers from his own party, who threatened to overturn the tax reforms unless Bonn pays more for social security handouts, a burden largely borne by the regions.

The leader of the regional revolt is Herr Ernst Albrecht, the Prime Minister of Lower Saxony. Herr Albrecht was the host in Hanover but he made clear to Herr Kohl that sharing the summit glory did not in any way mean that Herr Kohl's domestic difficulties had gone away.

Frankfurt (Reuter) — Saatchi and Saatchi, whose advertising helped put the Conservative Party in power, has been hired by West Germany's ruling Christian Democrats. The firm's West German subsidiary, Saatchi and Saatchi GmbH, said it was handling the 1989 local election campaign for the *Frankfurt* section of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's right-wing party.

Herr Kohl enjoying a break from his worries when he played football yesterday at a children's party in the Chancellery.

Greece at helm of the EEC it loved to hate

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The ruling Greek Socialists are putting on their best European faces as their country assumes the rotating presidency of the EEC today for the second half of the year.

It is a far cry from those early days of 1981 when Socialist campaign slogans would damn the "community of monopolies" to the same eternal fire as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; or even from the first Greek presidency in 1983 when European ministers, outraged by Greek sermons in Third World jargon, would storm out of sessions.

Several billion European Currency Units later, all this has changed. As Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, put it at a recent gathering of worried Greek businessmen: "For Greece, the answer is Europe."

It took Mr Papandreou's Socialists seven years of painful improvisations in the economy and foreign affairs to come to grips with reality. They now know that without the Community's support, their fragile economy would not have survived the mismanagement, corruption and investors' distrust.

Above all, full Community membership has given Greece the power to block Turkey's accession, offering Mr Papandreou a unique bargaining counter when tackling problems in the Aegean and over Cyprus.

Mr Papandreou wants the Greek presidency to be uneventfully successful. Although the risks of a frontier-free European market by 1992 are high for protectionist Greece, he has vowed not to hold up the unification process.

His services promise to churn out 25 to 30 of the harmonization directives, compared to West Germany's prolific 100 out of 300 needed.

The focus, therefore, is likely to be more on the activities closer to his heart — developing the Community's foreign relations, especially with the Soviet bloc and the Arab world, or dabbling at some international peacemaking. The Greek presidency's main theme, entitled "The creation of a unified social space", aims to give European unification a social dimension by concentrating on working conditions, workers' health problems, employment opportunities and sexual equality.

To show that at least on sex equality it really means business, Greece is giving the next European Commission its first woman commissioner in the person of Mrs Vaso Papandreou (no relation to the Prime Minister) who is a leading party cadre and former minister with a Reading University PhD in economics.

Mr Papandreou does not underrate the prestige value of the presidency 12 months before the next general election is due. He evidently regrets that Chancellor Kohl of West Germany stole the march on him with last week's Community-Comecon agreement. Had it been left to Greece it might have increased his influence with the left.

He hopes to make up for it by consummating this marriage through Community agreements with Hungary and Czechoslovakia and, hopefully, the Soviet Union. Should this lead to a meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, his sagging popularity with the Greek Communists might pick up in time for the elections.

The Greek leader is fully aware how Greek susceptibilities are flattered whenever he assumes some international initiative. So we can expect him to don his peace-maker's hat to have a go at the Gulf War or the feuds in Latin America. But his gut reaction against Israel's West Bank policies halted a process that was leading to full Greek diplomatic recognition of Israel. Without that, he can hardly expect the Greek presidency to play a meaningful role in Middle East peace efforts.

The next European summit will be held early in December in Rhodes, quite appropriately in the refurbished palace of the *Grand Masters of the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, itself a brotherhood of noblemen from most of the European nations that are to be represented at the summit 700 years later.*

It is there that Mr Papandreou must produce a satisfactory mid-term review of the unification process. Considering how poor his domestic credentials are, his critics say that perhaps he should simply ensure that, as in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, "not a mouse shall disturb this hallow'd house".

For the average Greek who may wonder who will be minding the store while the Government will be running Europe, there will be a consolation prize after Tuesday: imported bananas.

These were banned by the military regime in 1972 to protect a handful of growers of a poorer, finger-sized variety on Crete. The present Government felt it could no longer appear to be flouting the rules of a Community over which it must preside with European equanimity, if not Germanic efficiency.

Spain's 'dirty war'

Official silence on fund to crush Eta

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

A magistrate investigating suspected official involvement in a murderous "dirty war" against Basque terrorists suffered another setback yesterday when three more police chiefs refused to answer questions about the use of secret funds.

The three high-ranking policemen, who were warned before giving testimony yesterday that they were being interrogated as suspects rather than witnesses, cited orders from the Interior Minister, Señor José Barrionuevo, as the reason for refusing to answer questions about the secret funds.

The Minister himself had refused earlier this week to reply to such questions and had informed the magistrate that he was ordering his subordinates to do the same "in the name of the Government". In his last official communication to the Interior Minister, the magistrate advised him that he may be guilty of obstructing justice in refusing to furnish the evidence requested.

If an official body which looks out for the independence and integrity of the courts, the General Council of Judiciary Authority, refrains from ruling on the conflict, legal sources said here, the magistrate could call on the Supreme Court to indict the Minister of the Interior.

"We are aware of the importance of the incidents," said a spokesman for the General Council, "but this is not the right time to make a pronouncement because we are lacking some information, including something as fundamental as the Minister's reply."

The inquiry is looking into the suspected hiring of mercenaries by a Spanish deputy police chief, Señor José Amedo, to attack exiled activists of of the Basque separatist group Eta in south-west France. Señor Amedo, or someone closely resembling him, was identified by people convicted in Portugal and France of belonging to the shadowy GAL (Anti-Eta Liberation Groups) as the man who contracted them for bombings and shootings.

A French court has asked for the police official's extradition to face charges connected with the attacks on Eta activists. Consistent reluctance and even refusal on the part of the Government to cooperate in the investigation has heightened suspicions, echoed regularly in newspaper leading articles, of the Socialist Government's complicity in the activities of GAL which first appeared five years ago.

In testimony on Wednesday, the Director General of Police, Señor José-Maria Colorado, not only refused to discuss the secret funds, he also admitted that his department had not even investigated the GAL group.

A lawyer representing the policemen asked the court yesterday to summon two journalists from the liberal daily *Diario-16*, a newspaper which he alleged, was responsible for what he considered unjustified suspicions about Señor Amedo. He also produced a letter from one of the counter-terrorist gunmen convicted in France, denying he had identified Señor Amedo.

Señor Barrionuevo: Refuses to answer questions.

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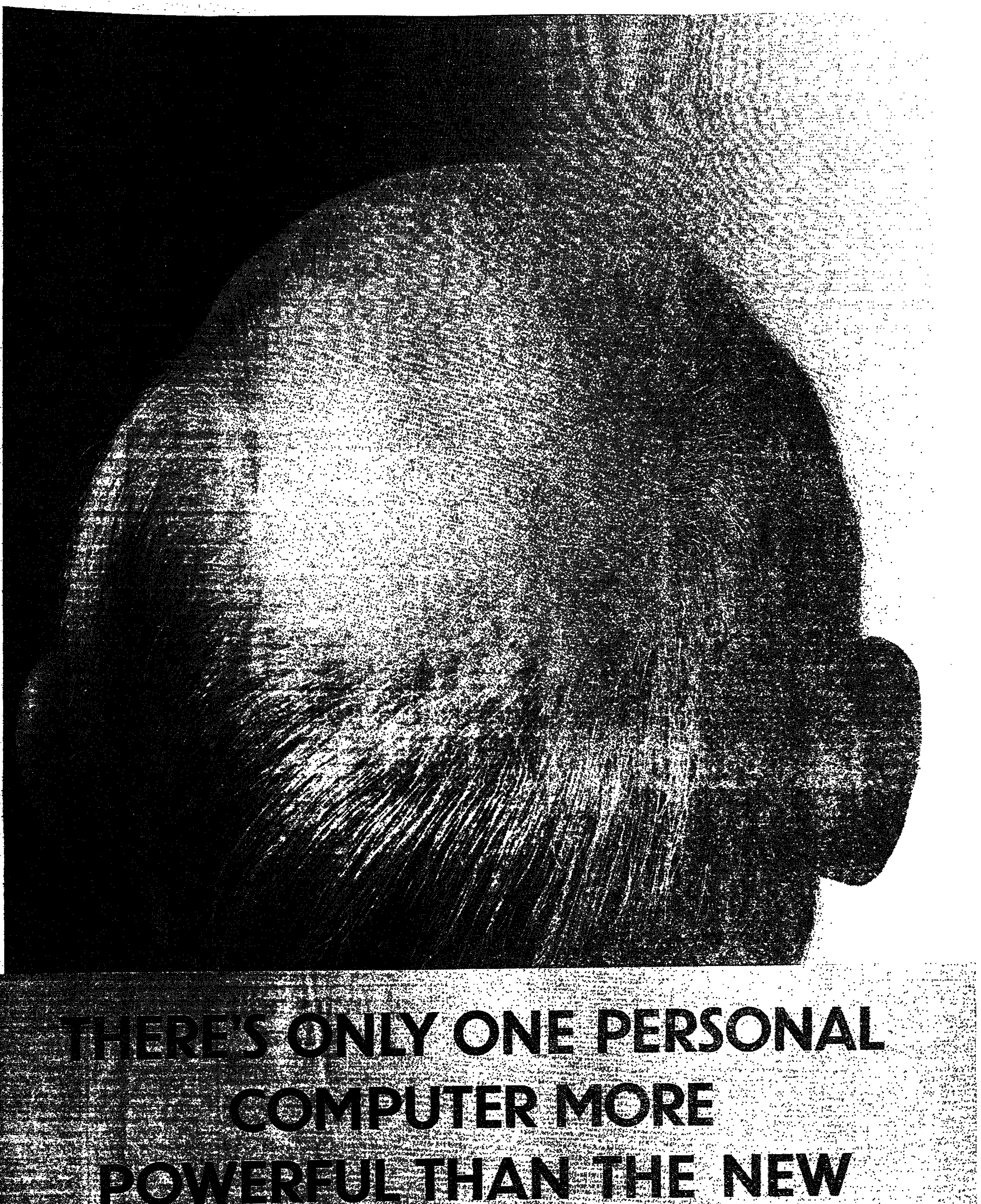

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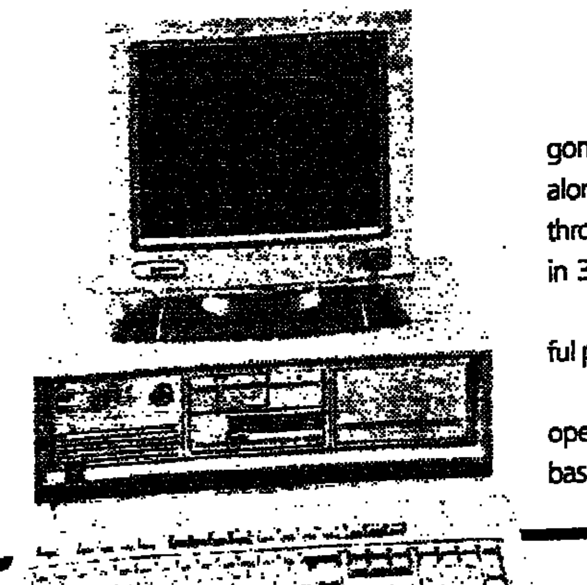

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Single European currency 'still a long way off'

Despite the decision by the European Council in Hanover earlier this week to set up a study to consider steps towards economic and monetary union, the Prime Minister made clear that she still felt that the creation of a single European currency was a long way off.

In her report to the Commons on the meeting, **Mrs Thatcher** said that before monetary union could be achieved, other countries would have to come up to the level reached by the UK. This included freedom of capital movement and *the* end *of* exchange controls.

She said that the council had dealt with two main issues: progress towards completion of the single market by 1992 and arrangements for progressively closer economic and monetary co-operation *in Europe.*

The outcome of the meeting had been satisfactory for the United Kingdom.

"We have confirmed that the way forward in Europe lies through the creation of wealth and jobs, as obstacles to trade and burdens on business are steadily removed. Thanks to this Government's policies, and the response of those who work in industry and commerce, British firms will be particularly well placed to take advantage of the opportunities which the single market in Europe offers."

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said he welcomed the reappointment of M Jacques Delors as president of the European Commission and he commended the view of M Delors that conditions must be attached to the development of the single market by an insistence on what he had called the social dimension.

Would the Prime Minister say *whether her* concept *of the* change towards the single *market accorded* with *the* conclusions of the European Council *that the internal market must be* to the benefit of all its citizens and, accordingly, that it was necessary to provide better protection for the health and safety of workers?

Would that commitment result in a reversal of her Government's policy of weakening the industrial health and safety regulations and cutting the number of health and safety inspectors?

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Did that commitment mean the withdrawal of her resistance to *the proposals of the president* of the European Commission to change *the monetary policy to* foster workers' participation in *decision-making?*

It was well known that the *Prime Minister was in conflict* with her Foreign Secretary and *Chancellor of the* Exchequer on the subjects of EMS and monetary union.

She had also said that a *European* central bank was not on the cards, but, given that *other members* of *the* council had agreed to establish a study group under M Delors, which would propose and agree steps leading to monetary union, and when it was obvious that the central banks favoured monetary union, was she not facing both ways?

6 Before monetary union can be achieved, other countries will have to come up to our standard 9

Was the Prime Minister committed to monetary union, and what followed from it, by virtue of her agreement with the European Council — or did she not accept monetary union, and its consequences, in any circumstances?

Would she give an undertaking that, in any event, any report from the study group would be debated and determined upon in the House of Commons?

Mrs Thatcher had given earlier undertakings about not *extending* value-added tax to some necessities.

Would she give an assurance that she would use the veto to stop the extension of *VAT to* any items which were now zero-rated?

Mrs Thatcher said that of course the single market in the EEC would benefit all its citizens, just as rising prosperity benefited them *all.*

The UK's regulations on health and safety at work were greatly in advance of many of *the other EEC member countries'* which had a long way to go *to catch up.*

The social dimension also *included a training initiative* which had been agreed to in *December. 1986.*

On worker participation, she believed that *those who got on* to the board of a company *should do so on merit* and she would not agree with the old-fashioned and out-dated approach of the Labour Party on these matters.

On the European central bank, they had said that they would take progressive steps to the realization of monetary union and set up a group to consider that.

Monetary union would be a first step and progress towards that would not necessarily involve a single currency or a European central bank. Long before European monetary union could be achieved, many other countries would have to come up to the level reached by the UK.

The UK had freedom of capital movement, which many of the others did not have. It had no exchange rate control, which most of the others did have.

It had a variety of currencies in its bank reserves, which most *of the others did not have.* It dealt in the Ecu, which most of *the others did not.* So the others had a long way to go.

Regarding the veto on zero-rating, the British Government's *position had been made* clear. The recent change had not been due to *a change in the law* but to an explanation of the law

The Rover and BAe matter was still under consideration.

Assuming that it went through, the subsidies from the British Government would cease, unless of course they were under regional development and that would be very much in line with what the Community would wish.

Sanctions on South Africa *had not come up.*

East-West relations happier

East-West relations were now on a better footing than for many years, **Sir Geoffrey Howe**, Foreign Secretary, said when opening a Commons debate on foreign affairs.

A great deal depended on the effect of Mr Gorbachov's attempts to reform the Soviet Union. This week, a drama of much potential significance was being played out in Moscow.

Thanks to *glasnost* and the television cameras, they could follow the proceedings of the first party conference since 1941 with a good deal more insight into party workings than usual.

They could not yet know the outcome, but the fact that there was at least the beginning of a genuine debate was immensely encouraging. They all admired the courage and determination of Mr Gorbachov in tackling the failings of Soviet society.

But they should not believe they were witnessing a transformation to genuine democracy. This was still "the beginning of the beginning", but Mr Gorbachov was pushing in the right direction.

The watchword must be vigilance because, as Mr Gorbachov knew, his reforms still had a long way to go, in the face of well entrenched opposition, and they were as yet far from being irreversible.

Britain must also be vigilant about its own security in the face of the continuing strength of the Soviet military machine, and the guarantor of that security was Nato.

The Government had been consistent and steadfast of purpose, while Labour MPs must be listening to the radio, watching television and scanning the newspapers from day to day in the hope of finding out what their own defence policy actually was — sometimes in the hope of finding out who their own defence spokesman was.

US-scale deficit 'on the cards'

If the balance of payments deficit in the ***second half of this year is anything like that*** **in the first half, Britain will have an** ***external deficit*** **as large, in relation to its domestic product, as the American deficit had been, in relation to its domestic product.**

That prediction was offered to the Prime Minister by Mr Neil Kinnock (left), Leader of the Opposition, during question time.

Mr Kinnock: For an oil-rich, exporting ***country like ours, it shows unique incompetence*** **by the Government. What will she** ***do to close those balance of payments gaps?***

Mrs Thatcher: The deficit is being financed ***by the inflow of private sector*** **capital, showing great confidence by other** ***manufacturers in this country*** **as a** ***base for*** **effective manufacturing operations.**

Mr Kinnock: If confidence is so great **and the inflow so ready, why does she inflict 9.5** ***per cent interest*** **rates** ***on British industry*** **and home buyers?**

Mrs Thatcher: To keep down pressure on ***inflation (Conservative cheers).***

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab): Five years ago, she was boasting with pleasure and pride about the balance of payments this country had and was warning us against the extreme damage high interest rates could do to our industrial production.

Now that we were running the highest deficit in our history and interest rates were increasing every week, did she look back over those five years and think that progress was being made in the British economic situation?

Mrs Thatcher: Enormous progress. With ***inflation down, growth up,*** **the** ***number of*** **new jobs created considerably up and the** ***highest standard of living*** **we** ***have ever known,*** **and the best standard of social** ***services*** **we** ***have ever known, progress*** **continues apace.**

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab) ***asked if there was a level of trade deficit at*** **which the Government would act and would** ***introduce measures.***

Mrs Thatcher: The prime objective is to keep inflation down. To let it rise would be the very worst thing one could do to the prospects of manufacturing industry. Interest rates are one of the instruments by which one keeps inflation down. Inflation is now lower than it was at any time under the last Labour Government.

● Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C) asked her to reflect on the fact that it was not she who had a deficit of 12 points in the opinion polls. The Tories did not have a chaotic defence policy. They were returning real prosperity to the people and they were not dependent on the block votes of trade unions.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I could not possibly put it better myself.

Jail stays the poll tax sanction

People who refuse to pay the community charge in England and Wales will still face imprisonment while those in Scotland will not.

The Government rejected pleas in the House of Lords to *decriminalize* non-payers and insisted that imprisonment must be kept as the ultimate sanction against those who wil*fully refused to pay it.*

On the second day of the report *stage of the Local Gov*ernment Finance Bill in the *Lords*, a cross-party *amendment* to keep non-payers out of prison was *defeated by 118 votes to 98* — Government majority, 20.

For the Opposition, **Lord Elwyn-Jones**, the former Lord Chancellor, said that in economic terms the Government's proposal made no sense and in social and moral terms, it was an abomination.

The National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders were strongly opposed to the Government's proposal for retaining imprisonment. The sanction was not in the original Bill, but was added during its passage through the Commons. It was not in the Scottish legislation.

Lord Elwyn-Jones: Proposal "makes no sense"

Imprisonment of non-payers of the community charge was an anachronism

About 370 *people were sent to* prison in England and Wales *last* year *for non-payment* of rates. It was estimated that that *number would rise to 1,200* under the community charge *because many more people,* particularly the poor, would be *liable to the charge.*

Lord Harris of Greenwich (SLD), a former Home Office minister, said that the idea that the Government was cheerfully contemplating making a new category of offence was astonishing. Hundreds of people were already crammed into police cells because of overcrowding in prisons.

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for Environment, said that the penalty should be retained as the ultimate deterrent. The amendments had nothing to do with sending people to prison. They were aimed at moving the recovery procedures from the magistrates' courts to the county courts.

Magistrates already operated the rates-recovery procedures efficiently. It was simply not possible to switch them to the county courts at the drop of a hat.

● The *Government accepted* an amendment moved by **Lord** ***Meston*** *(SLD) to prevent coun*cils from selling or distributing *copies of their community* charge registers. That would *prevent mail order,* and *other* firms from having easy access to *the lists.*

However, the public would be able to inspect the registers.

British hope for Thyssen pictures

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that the "*unique and valuable*" Thyssen Collection might find a permanent home in Britain.

Speaking during question time, **Mrs Thatcher** said: Certain proposals have been made. It is for the trustees of the collection to decide whether that is acceptable. A number of other countries have made proposals and it is for the *trustees to make the final* decision.

She had been urged by **Mr Alastair Goodlad** *(Eddisbury, C) to seek to* persuade Baron Thyssen and *the trustees of his art* collection to consider seriously the development at Battersea.

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County Hall move rejected

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) failed to get an emergency debate on the decision by the London Residuary Body to dispose of County Hall, home of the former Greater London Council, for use as a luxury hotel.

He said that he could detect in the decision the malevolent influence of the Prime Minister, who had made clear that she required all evidence of the GLC to be removed.

Questions plan refused

A suggestion that an additional Scottish question time should be held in Scotland, made by **Mr Charles Kennedy** (Ross, Cromarty and Skye, SLD), was rejected by **Mrs Thatcher** during *Prime* Minister's question time.

Mr Kennedy had asked her to consult the Leader of the House (Mr John Wakeham), without commitment, about holding an additional question time for Scots in the Old Royal High School, in Edinburgh.

Westland assurance

The possibility of Fiat selling its holding in Westland to United Technologies Corporation *in no way affects* the Ministry of Defence contracts with Westland, **Mr John Wakeham**, Leader of the Commons said *in reply to* **Mr Tam Dalyell** (Linlithgow, Lab) *during questions* about forthcoming business.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:
Monday: Legal Aid Bill, *remaining stages.*
Tuesday: Debate on Oppo*sition motion on the health* service.
Wednesday: Debate on SNP motion on the political *situation in* Scotland.
Thursday: Debates on de*fence estimates.*
Friday: Private members' Bills: Malicious Communications Bill and Access to Medical Records Bill, Lords amendments.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:
Monday and Tuesday: Local Government Finance *Bill, report, third* and fourth days.
Wednesday: British Steel Bill, report.
Thursday: Education Reform Bill, third reading.
Friday: Debate on reform of EEC structural funds.

Parliament today

Commons *(9.30): Debate* on White Paper on fair *employment in Northern* Ireland.
Lords *(11):* Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extention) Order and Appropriation (No 2) (Northern Ireland) Order.

Try Heath law, Hume suggests

The Prime Minister was urged at question time to use legislation negotiated by Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, to try in Northern Ireland suspected criminals resident there rather than applying to Dublin for their extradition.

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP) asked whether she was aware of the Common Law Jurisdiction Act negotiated by Mr Heath in 1974 with the Irish Government.

Why did her Government not use these facilities, which were just as effective in achieving the same objectives as extradition?

Mrs Thatcher said that it was because having others tried in the republic was a very different *proposition from what* Mr Hume had said.

Northern Ireland questions

Hint of police announcement

The Chief Constable of Northern Ireland, Sir John Hermon, might make an announcement soon in respect of recommendations made by Mr Charles Kelly into the Stalker-Sampson affair, ***Mr Tom King,*** **Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said at questions [Mr Kelly, Chief Constable of Staffordshire, reported on possible disciplinary action against members of the RUC].**

He entirely agreed with ***Mr Jerry Hayes*** **(Harlow, C), who said that Wednesday's vote [when members of the police authority voted by a majority of one to clear Sir John and two of his most senior staff of any disciplinary offence] had not** ***helped morale in the RUC.*** **The whole issue should be got out of** ***the way as quickly as possible.***

Mr King **said that it was** ***desirable that*** **these matters were finally resolved and if**

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disciplinary charges were to be ***preferred that this should be*** **dealt with. There might be** ***announcement very soon from*** **Sir John.**

Earlier, ***Mr Ken Livingstone*** **(Brent East, Lab) said that any suggestion that the security forces operated outside the law undermined their legitimacy.**

Would Mr King therefore investigate a statement by the RUC that it had decided neither to question nor charge Mr R. Jackson, a "loyalist" paramilitary who was involved in the murder of Mr William Stratherne using a gun supplied by members of the RUC currently serving ***life imprisonment*** **for their part in the crime.**

For once, would Mr King not say that if he had any evidence he should give it to the authorities? This came from the RUC.

Mr King **said that he would need to study Mr Livingstone's question very carefully. If Mr Livingstone had any evidence it should be submitted.**

Mr Kevin McNamara, **Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that he did not challenge the decision not to name the new appointments to the Northern Ireland Police Authority, but could Mr King say how many were from the minority community?**

Mr King **said that such information was a matter for the police authority to give. He was satisfied that they represented a good cross-section of the community with substantial representation from the minority community.**

Magistrates 'will be put in fear'

Magistrates in district courts in the Irish Republic would be put *in the greatest fear* as a consequence of granting extradition *orders against members of the* IRA, **Mr David Alton**, SLD *spokesman on Northern* Ireland, said during Commons *question time*

Would the Secretary of State not *therefore welcome the re*cent decision by the Dail that *such cases should be dealt with* in the High Court?

He also asked whether there had been discussions with the *Irish Government as to why* Patrick McVeigh, the suspected *IRA terrorist, had not been kept* in custody once it was discov*ered that the necessary* identification was not on hand during extradition proceedings at the Portlaoise district court?

Mr Tom King*, Secretary of* State for Northern Ireland, said *that there had been discussions* with Irish ministers about the *McVeigh case and it was clear* that the Irish Government was *greatly concerned*

During discussion in the Dail, *the Minister for Justice had said* that there would be an appeal *against the decision of the* district court.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield Attercliffe, Lab) said that District *Judge Jarlath Ruane* had acted perfectly properly and *within the law. Why had* appropriate steps to ensure McVeigh's *extradition not been taken?*

Mr King said that that was a matter for the Attorney General, but the proceedings that had not *led to successful completion of* the extradition application had *been taken under the 1965* legislation and the interpreta*tion given by the district judge* had not been expected.

Control on food labels 'by law'

The Government may have to legislate to control manufacturers' claims about the nutritional value of certain foods, **Mr Donald Thompson**, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a written reply.

The Food Advisory Committee, he said, had concluded that there was need for controls and its advice would be sent to interests concerned, to seek their views on a legislative approach and on particular recommendations.

The FAC had concluded that it might be sensible for controls to be drawn up along the lines of existing claims provisions in the Food Labelling Regulations which already covered certain nutrients such as protein, polyunsaturates, fatty acids, vitamins and minerals.

Terrorists are getting more weapons, King tells the House

Part of the following report of a Commons debate on Northern Ireland appeared in later editions yesterday.

Additional sources of weapons had come into the hands of evil men on both extremes in Northern Ireland, **Mr Tom King**, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said when he *opened a debate on a Northern* Ireland order.

He said that the additional sources of weapons had a capability well in excess of anything seen in previous years.

It was of the greatest importance that these arms ship*ments now believed to be in the* island of Ireland should be recovered as quickly as possible.

It was the fourteenth occasion *on which the draft Northern* Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order had been moved.

Of all the years of violence in the province, this past year had *been marked by a peculiar* awfulness in some of the atrocities.*The terrorists had* no inhibitions.

The blind hatred of the people who were willing to cause death and suffering to the children,

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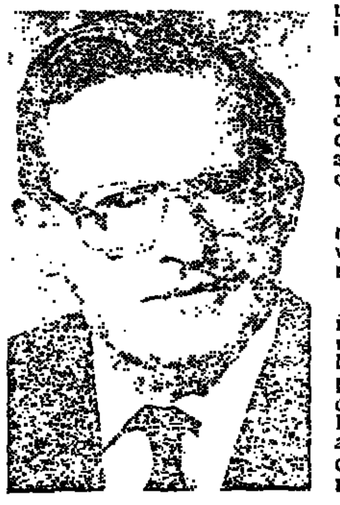

Mr King: Arms shipments must be recovered

Protestant and Roman Catholic, on the school bus this week *beggared belief.*

"Beneath the balaclava, we see the true and evil face of those who seek to take power in Ireland, striving to reach their objective over the bodies of their fellow citizens and wading through the blood of grievously injured children."

The thrust of his discussions with the parties to date had been to seek methods towards devolution. Lasting agreement on devolution was difficult to achieve. It required adjustments on the part of everyone.

He continued to believe that *movement towards devolution* would best serve the interests of the people of Northern Ireland.

With every year of direct rule it became clearer that elected representatives of the province lacked adequate *opportunity to* participate in and take decisions *on the future of Northern* Ireland. A devolved legislative *assembly* would offer the people of Northern Ireland control over their local services.

His talks with the parties had confirmed that devolution was the form of government most likely to have widespread acceptance and support in the community.

It was no good political leaders criticizing sectarianism on the streets when all too often the main political parties appeared to be trapped within its confines and were not seen to be giving any leadership in working constructively with the other tradition.

The next positive step was for the political parties to start talking about these things with the Government. With the benefit of bilateral exploratory discussions behind them, they should now be making further realistic and sustained progress. The next step was inter-party *dialogue about the future* arrangements for government in Northern Ireland.

Politicians in Northern Ireland had no difficulty in finding obstacles to any course of action. He urged MPs to begin the dialogue in the Commons and make a constructive contribution. Instead of identi*fying obstacles, they should* build bridges.

Mr Kevin McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that the report of the Northern Ireland police authority was amazing.

By a majority of one it had concluded that it was not necessary to appoint an investigative officer to inquire further into Mr Sampson's observations, and that no disciplinary action needed to be taken. This was the most extraordinary situation. It was scarcely a unanimous vote of confidence *in the three senior police officers.*

That vote would not do anything to restore confidence. If the three senior officers got off without even an inquiry by a majority, it would look very unfair if strong disciplinary *charges were preferred lower* down the line.

If there were going to be two standards in this matter it would *not be well for the general* organization and support for the rule of law in Northern Ireland.

A proper judicial inquiry into *the matter was needed.* Britain would face widespread, sustained national and international criticism.

The Opposition had not changed its mind. The killings in *Armagh and the procedures* which followed would not go *away but would continue to* haunt the Government and *undermine* confidence in the security forces and demonstrate the Government's spurious claim to adhere to the rule of law.

Labour would continue to support the Anglo-Irish agreement until there was something better, wider and more concrete. Both governments should use the intergovernmental review to encourage Unionists to come in out of the cold and have their say.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) said that for 14 years Northern Ireland had been subject to quasi-colonial rule by mainland ministers. He was disturbed, dismay*ed* and distressed *by Mr King's insistence* on a devolved government as distinct from a devolved administration.

He wished the Government would not proceed with policies and aims that separated Northern Ireland from the rest of the United Kingdom.

The Government should get out of the rut of Northern Irish politics and get them into the mainstream of British politics so that left and right could replace orange and green as had happened in the mainland cities of Irish settlement.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of OUP, said that when Stormont was abolished, the Government could have governed Northern Ireland like Scotland. But Whitehall preferred to keep Northern Ireland detachable in readiness for trundling it out of the United Kingdom when the opportunity presented itself.

The monstrous combination of the Order in Council system and the Anglo-Irish agreement *would* continue to strangle all democratic development. Either of *those monstrosities made* progress and good government *impossible.*

He and his friends had no *intention of giving* any credibiltiy to this annual phony circus beyond registering their disapproval in the lobbies.

Mr David Alton, SLD spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that the outcome of the RUC inquiry with a majority of one was the worst of all worlds. He strongly supported the call for a judicial inquiry.

He would support the renewal of the British commitment to Northern Ireland because to do anything else would be to condemn the province to even greater instability and civil war.

The Rev William McCrea (Mid Ulster, DUP) said that the Prime Minister had said that Northern Ireland was as British as Finchley, but he did not know of any joint agreement with a foreign power to run the affairs of Finchley.

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP) said that his party was willing at any stage without precondition to enter into dialogue with the Unionists about any *matter.*

"It is about time that we at *least started talking about how* we live together because there is *nothing to lost by that.*"

Mr Peter Robinson (Belfast East, DUP) said *that the di*alogue between the SDLP and Sinn Fein was a barrier to progress. The Unionists could not be part of any dialogue with the SDLP while the SDLP was talking to Sinn Fein because, if they did so, the SDLP would be seen as intermediaries between the Unionists and the IRA.

The SDLP should end its flirtation with the IRA and start constructive dialogue with the constitutional parties.

The order was approved by 133 votes to 16 votes — Government majority, 117.

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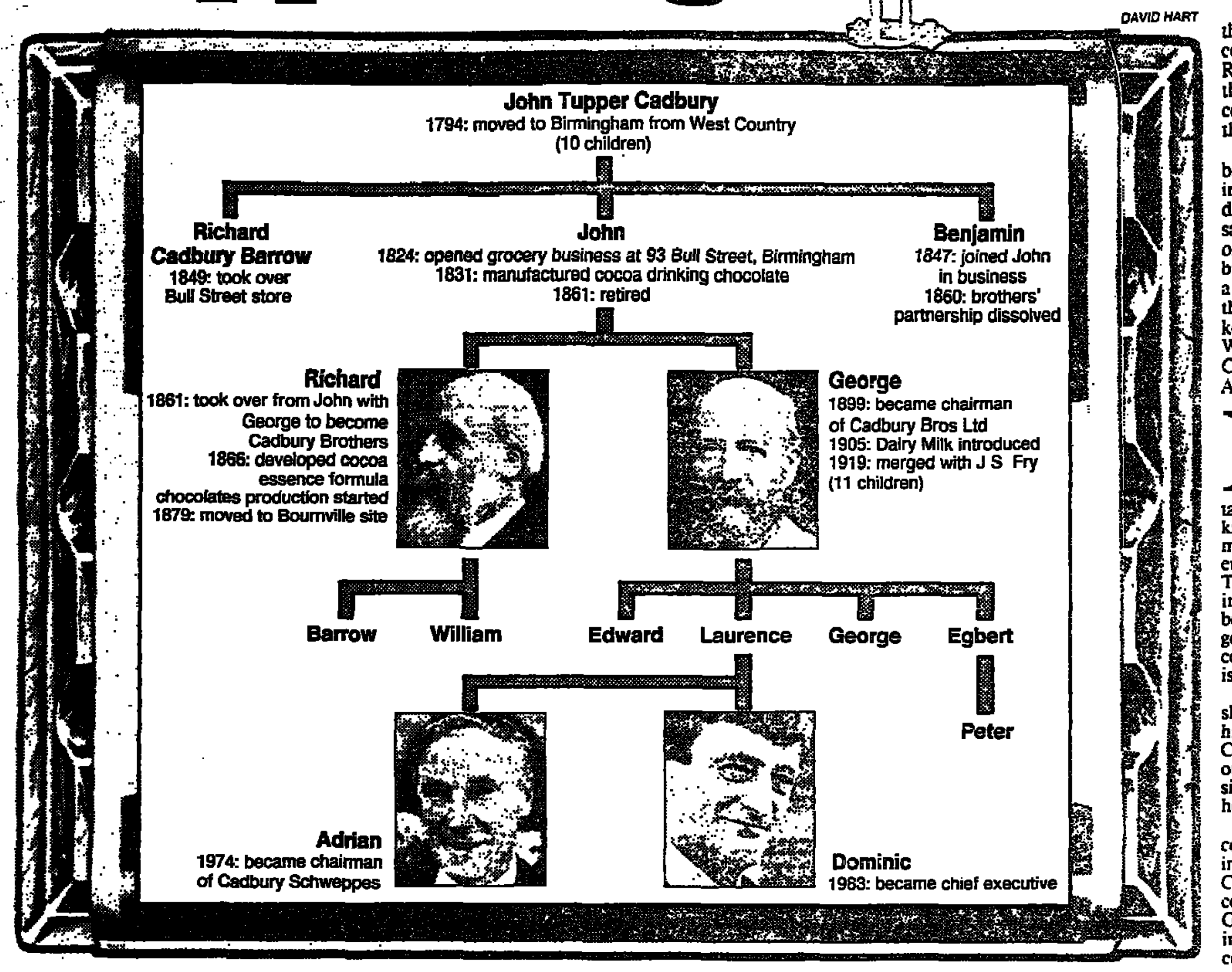
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1983: became chief executive

Every Boxing Day they gather at Winds Point in the Malvern Hills. In a curious family ritual, as many as 100 Cadburys assemble in a house that once belonged to the singer Jenny Lind — "The Swedish Nightingale" — but which she sold to George Cadbury, the man mainly responsible for the creation of the chocolate empire.

Unless Sir Adrian and Dominic Cadbury, George's grandsons, turn up, there will be no talk of chocolate or fizzy drinks: in spite of the fact that the family name is almost instantly evocative *of purple* foil and all the sinful delights of milk chocolate, the average Cadbury has little or nothing to do with the business. Adrian and Dominic happen to be chairman and chief executive, but the total family stake in the company comes to less than 5 per cent and only one other Cadbury, cousin Andrew, is moving up the organization.

Yet, somehow, the image of Cadbury Schweppes as a family company persists. And now that Rowntree Mackintosh has fallen to the Swiss, it is not the sort of image the company likes to have. Better by far, when threatened by takeover, to be seen as a thrusting multinational based on modern management theories. Nevertheless, as far as the City is concerned, the fall of Rowntree means that Cadbury is the next household name *in the firing line.*

"That's a very superficial view — just because Suchard failed to get Rowntree, they will go for Cadbury," Dominic Cadbury says. "Rowntree was a key portfolio *of brands for both Suchard* and Nestlé. We're quite a different proposition. We talk to Suchard from time to time. We've got ambitions, they've got ambitions, they may or may not come together."

The City would argue that Cadbury also has its brands — notably Flake, Wispa and Milk Tray. The Rowntree affair has concentrated the minds of analysts on just how valuable such names can be. It costs £10 million in the first year to launch a new chocolate or confectionery line and, if it succeeds, it can go on earning profits forever.

But at least this means Cadbury Schweppes is being more flatteringly valued. A couple of years ago there were takeover rumours and the expected price was £1 billion. Now the company could hardly go *for less than £3 billion.*

Dominic is the latest fruit of the family tree that has created this empire, and he is proving one of the most effective. The company was started by John Cadbury, a Quaker, as a tea and coffee merchants in Bull Street, Birmingham in 1824. Under John's sons, George and Richard, it became a chocolate manufacturer. Richard died relatively young, but George went on to establish Bournville, a model company village centred on the factory. Bourn was a local name and "ville" was taken from the French — in the late 19th century most good chocolate came from France so the name was a marketing device.

George married twice and had 11 children. He is thus the main reason for the phenomenal number of Cadburys who turn up *annually at Winds Hill. After his* death in 1922, his offspring provided a steady stream of the company's directors. Laurence, for example, was chairman from just after the Second World War to the end of the Fifties, and he was the father of Adrian and Dominic.

So, at least until the Sixties, the succession was unashamedly dynastic. But the family ties began to weaken in 1962 when the company went public, and the crunch finally came in 1969 when Cadbury merged with Schweppes. The move had a symbolic as well as a financial significance. Schweppes products are generally mixed with alcohol — a drug shunned by the Cadburys' Quaker forebears.

Prior to that deal, 50 per cent of the shares were in family hands and half the board were Cadburys. Afterwards the Cadburys, enriched by the deal and freed from the old family yoke, went their separate ways, leaving Adrian as the primary family representative in the company. He has been chairman of the enlarged group since 1974.

"He's more of an intellectual than me," Dominic says. "I'm more action and performance-orientated." He denies rumours of a rift between the two of them fiercely: "Absolutely not!"

Dominic himself rose through the ranks to become chief executive in 1983. Inside the company there were worries that his focus was too narrow for the task, though there does not seem to have been any resentful muttering about nepotism.

In the event, he appears, so far, to have got it spectacularly right. He came to power after a long period of company problems. In the mid-Seventies business had gone badly wrong. A five-year management and financial restructuring plan worked for a time but, in 1982, profitability slumped. The company was suddenly seen to be old-fashioned and out of its depth in the world market.

Dominic arrived with American business school training and a management style based on a team. In the past paternalism had been accompanied by a highly autocratic, centralized style. He took the company out of foods, tea and household products (Jeyes fluid, Smash and Typhoo were sold off) and concentrated on fizzy drinks and chocolate. With Coca-Cola he negotiated a deal to bottle the drink in Britain — a deal now described by one analyst as "an absolute beauty".

His tenure began with an horrific profits slump from £124 million to £93 million in 1985, but the figure has since climbed to £176 million and forecasts for this year are running at £210 million. During all this, he presided over the launch of the Wispa bar, a 350-calorie chunk of bubble-filled chocolate that represents one of the most spectacular marketing coups in recent years. Where once Rowntree had been regarded as the best performing chocolate company, suddenly Cadbury was the one the City liked.

"The fundamental difference between us and Rowntree is that in 1969 we made the decision to diversify in a big way," Dominic says. He is reluctant to attack his old rival "now they have gone", but he does believe that they made a mistake in sticking too closely to the old confectionery business and keeping the head office in York. With the Schweppes deal the Cadbury HQ moved to Marble Arch.

Dominic, meanwhile, is trying to avoid the rows about whether the Government should have let Rowntree be taken over. "I don't want to get knotted up with all these arguments. Our salvation depends entirely on our performance here. The international company playing field is not a level one. But, to be realistic, the Government is not going to be concerned unless a company of the magnitude of BP is involved."

He also grows impatient at the sheer weight of attention to which his company is subjected. *If* Cadbury made widgets, he points out, rather than Wispa bars, it simply would not make as many headlines.

Nevertheless the American company General Cinema is waiting in the wings with 18 per cent of Cadbury Schweppes shares and, of course, Suchard is on the loose. General Cinema is thought to be interested in the drinks side of the company — though it could equally well simply be speculating in the shares in the hope of a bid from somebody else. Klaus Jacobs, chairman of Suchard and an old friend of Dominic's, has a £200 million profit from his dealings in Rowntree plus a clear desire to make a big bid. Cadbury is an obvious target.

So John Cadbury's sweet and fizzy legacy is unquestionably threatened with a possible takeover. The consolation for the now widely dispersed dynasty would be that Boxing Day at Winds Hill would almost certainly continue undisturbed.

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Computer win on the farm

Sheer fun of the chase: Erratum prizewinner Patricia Bland

Patricia Bland, a 62-year-old farmer's wife from Wanborough, near Swindon, is one of 15 winners of *The Times* Erratum competition, which attracted more than 20,000 entries (*Alan Franks writes*). She and her fellow winners will each receive a Z88 portable personal computer made by Cambridge Computer Ltd.

Mrs Bland, who recently completed an Open University course, entered because of "the sheer fun of looking things up and finding out new *information*". The books she had amassed as an OU student meant that she did not need to venture beyond the farmhouse in pursuit of reference. Like other contestants, *however*, she was stumped by the physics question on Day 11. Day Two also troubled a number of competitors: "hungred" rather than the correct "an hungred" was frequently *offered.*

Mrs Bland's triumph means that she will live in a two-computer household, since they already have one to handle the farm accounts and management reports. "I shall definitely be keeping this one for my own use," she says.

The other winners are: Mrs P. Kennedy of Kidlington, *Oxford*; Mr M. Thornbury of south west London; Mr Roland Hill of York; Mr O. Moss of Harpsden, Oxfordshire; Mr Christian Lean of Ashford, Kent; Mr S. Stuart of New Moston, Manchester; Mrs A. Wild of Sonning, Berkshire; Mr R. Marshall of Northwood, Middlesex; Carol Atkinson of Broadstairs, Kent; Mr Peter Robinson of Moffat, Dumfries; Mr E. Barton of Doncaster, Yorkshire; *Dr* John Wedgwood of south west London; Mr Dennis Grant of Huccle Cote, Gloucestershire; and Mrs M. Brooking Clark of Wells, Somerset.

The answers

DAY ONE: The quotation was from *Macbeth* (Act 1). It should have read "sticking-place", *not* "sticking-point".

DAY TWO: The quotation was from Matthew, chapter 25 (King James's version). It should have read "an hungred", *not "hungry"*.

DAY THREE: There are six Brandenburg Concertos, not eight.

DAY FOUR: The man who shares the record with Bjorn Borg is Laurence (H.L.) Doherty, not Fred Perry.

DAY FIVE: Our reproduction of the painting — the Rokeby Venus, by Velasquez — was a mirror-image.

DAY SIX: The 20th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing will be on July 21, 1989, not July 16.

DAY SEVEN: The third Fury is Megaera, not Erato.

DAY EIGHT: The "invisible hand" was proposed by Adam Smith, not Benjamin Franklin.

DAY NINE: The volume of a gas is inversely proportional, not proportional (Boyle's Law).

DAY 10: The quotation was the first sentence of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. It should have read "good" not "large".

DAY 11: 98 is not a magic number.

DAY 12: The poem should have read "Daddy", not "Mother" (from Ted Hughes's "Crow")

DAY 13: The deliberate mistake was "Powry". His correct name was "Perry".

DAY 14: The extract, from Sir John Betjeman's "A Subaltern's Love-song", is correctly "Furnish'd and burnished", not "*Burnish'd* and furnish'd".

DAY 15: The quotation is the first paragraph of *Through the Looking Glass And What Alice Found There*, by Lewis Carroll. It should have read "certain", not "sure".

It isn't only at Wimbledon that touts flourish — they can get you into anything

The long hot-ticket summer

If you want a good seat in the Wimbledon Centre Court this afternoon, it will cost at least £350 from any one of the dozens of instant ticket agencies that spring up at this time of year and which then disappear at the end of a lucrative fortnight.

But not all of these tiny peddlers (touts or brokers, depending on your point of view) fade away with the last applause from the All England Club. For example, had you been sufficiently addicted to boxing to pay £1,200 for 90 seconds of heavyweight action on Monday, you could have got a ticket (travel included) for Tyson-Spinks at Madison Square Gardens.

One party of four British boxing fans paid nearly £5,000 to one of the more established small agencies which specializes in Wimbledon, but which will gladly try to fix you a ticket for anything. The Big Fight package was a one-off deal made in response to a specific request. Nor was it particularly marked up (probably not more than 15 per cent) as the agency itself had to lay out well over the box office rate to get the tickets.

This agency, owned by Paul Eden, has been operating successfully from two London telephone numbers, one for daytime and one for evenings, for more than two years. It will take orders for virtually any event from cricket (£50 for the fourth day of the Lord's Test) to the Earls Court *Aida* (£40 two weeks ago, rising to £75 by the end of last week).

Another agency, whose continuing lines include *The Phantom of the Opera* (£55) and *Les Misérables* (nothing cheaper than £20), offers Chelsea Flower Show tickets for about £100; yet another expects a brisk trade both for the Berkeley Square Ball (probably £200) and Henley (about half that). Obtainables Ltd vaunts the standard range of sport and rock, but is ready to branch out whenever there is a demand. "We had someone after tickets for the Munich Opera Festival," said its spokesman. "We could have done it for him, but would it have been worth the time and trouble? I don't mean for us, but for him.

"It would have meant me getting on the plane and going over to Munich myself and buying the tickets, probably quite expensively, and all that would then have to be reflected in the price."

Touts received a much-publicized fillip from Conservative MP Teresa Gorman recently, when she praised them for their spirit of enterprise. Her remarks found no favour, however, with Nicholas Blackburn, director of ticketing at one of London's largest ticket agencies, Keith Prowse: "These people are only interested in the hot tickets".

He explained: "The analogy I always take is of a taxi driver. If it's Friday night and you want to take a cab to Hampstead and the driver says that'll be £50, you'd be furious. But they can't do that because of the terms of their licence. There should be some similar mechanism to govern the activities of people selling tickets. I think that tourists are becoming increasingly angry with London. They really want to see a show, but they know prices are inflated."

The small agencies do not agree. "When you think about it, it's members of the public with tickets who are the biggest winners. If someone has a £20 seat for the men's finals, they can sell it for up to £450. Their percentage profit is *many, many times greater* than ours."

Alan Franks

SCIENCE REPORT

Muscular dystrophy work races ahead

Another important step forward in the understanding of muscular dystrophy, described in the latest edition of *Nature*, has been taken with the location of the site where diseased muscle cells differ *from healthy muscle cells.*

Building on research in the past two years, which has revealed the genetic basis of Duchenne and Becker's muscular dystrophy, three independent research groups have now been able to show the precise consequences of defective genes. This brings effective therapy closer.

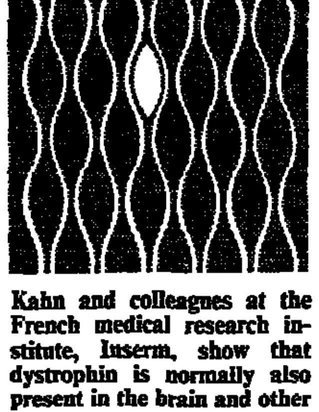
Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a fatal wasting disease, attacks one boy in every 4,000. Sufferers are confined to a wheelchair by 12 and usually die by 20 or 30. Becker's muscular dystrophy is much less common and not lethal. Both types of the disease can cause mental retardation.

The new research has been carried out by Ronald Worton and collaborators at the University of Toronto, by Kiichi Arahata and collaborators at the Japanese National Institute of Neuroscience in Tokyo, and by Louis Kunkel and colleagues at Harvard Medical School.

It pinpoints exactly where the defect lies in dystrophic muscle. All the researchers agree that sufferers of Duchenne muscular dystrophy lack a protein component called dystrophin which, in healthy muscle, is attached to the inside of the sarcolemma, the membrane surrounding each muscle fibre.

Quite separately, Axel Kahn and colleagues at the French medical research institute, Inserm, show that dystrophin is normally also present in the brain and other tissues of the body, although only in tiny quantities. They report, also in *Nature*, that its absence in dystrophic patients could explain the mental retardation of some patients.

RICHARD LEADBETTER



The pace of research in this field is breathtaking. The gene implicated in muscular dystrophy was identified just two years ago. Since then the protein molecule encoded by the gene has been predicted and identified and, now, its location in normal cells discovered.

Kunkel and no fewer than 75 collaborators were the first to identify the gene, which is located on the X chromosome. It is the largest human gene known. Last year, Kunkel's own group identified the product of this gene by making it synthesize in the laboratory. They have now used an antibody against dystrophin, first to show that the protein is present in normal *but* not diseased muscle, and now to indicate precisely where it is located.

Among other things, Kunkel's group finds that dystrophin accounts for only 0.002 per cent of the protein content of normal muscle, which explains why it had been impossible to tell the cause of muscular dystrophy before the gene had been identified.

The finding that dystrophin is attached to the sarcolemma also provides an intuitive explanation for what goes wrong in muscular dystrophy. Normally, the shape of muscle cells is maintained by a scaffold of protein molecules anchored to the membrane by dystrophin.

But in cells which lack dystrophin, repeated contractions of the muscle will tear the membrane, eventually killing the cell.

Although there is no direct evidence to support this idea, dystrophin appears to resemble other proteins which act as membrane anchors.

Some researchers are now turning their attention to mice with a defect similar to Duchenne muscular dystrophy, also involving a lack of dystrophin in muscle fibres, but in which there are no symptoms of disease.

One hope is that the explanation for this difference may yet provide pointers to therapy for human victims of the disease.

Maxine Clarke

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TIMES DIARY

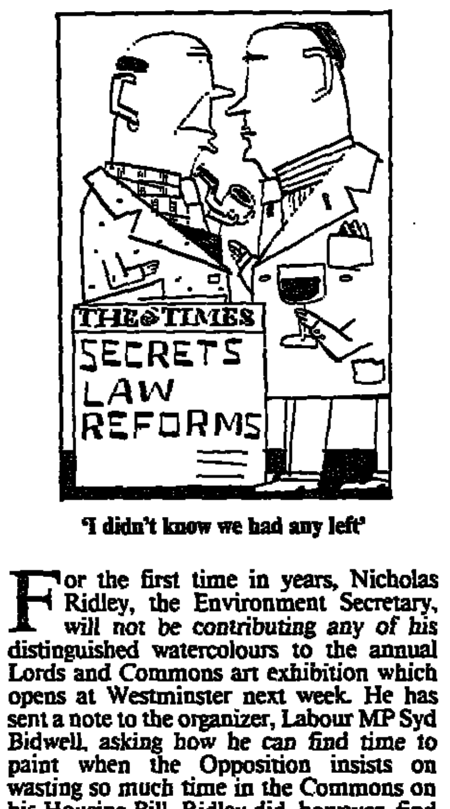
MARTIN FLETCHER

A particular cause of Neil Kinnock's despondency last week was the astonishing attack by Ron Todd, head of the TGWU, in Northern Ireland. Kinnock loves and is sponsored by the TGWU and has long regarded Todd as a staunch ally. Yet here was Todd, only days after the TGWU's left-wing executive had voted to withhold support for the Kinnock/Hattersley leadership ticket, denouncing those who sought to override policy agreed by the Labour conference and to replace it with what they considered electorally acceptable simply to achieve power. Kinnock was dismayed when he read the speech in the newspapers.

I am now told, however, that Kinnock's dismay was nothing compared to Todd's, for the speech had not been meant as an attack on Kinnock at all. The true objects of Todd's wrath were Peter Shore and Denis Healey, the two leading Labour multilateralists who had just been publicly enthusing over Kinnock's apparent abandonment of unilateralism during his now-famous television interview, and urging him to stand up to the TGWU executive. On his return from Ireland Todd went straight to Kinnock's office to try and explain. I gather he received a cool reception. Still, Kinnock must be cheered to know that his vital ally has not deserted him.

If you ever doubted the whips' power of political patronage, witness the fate of Tory MP John Butterfill's amendment to the Finance Bill on Wednesday night. Sixteen fellow Tories – mostly new boys – on the standing committee examining the Bill had signed the amendment, which called for fiscal encouragement for pensioners to raise loans on their property to generate extra income. The Government was opposed to it. All day the whips scurried round. When a Commons vote interrupted the committee's discussion at 11.30pm Mark Lennox-Boyd, one of the whips, loudly instructed his MPs to return at once. Treasury minister Norman Lamont made not a single concession, but when it came to the vote 13 of the 16 opposed the amendment which they had signed and three abstained. "A spineless shower" was the verdict of one senior Tory MP who was watching the proceedings.

BARRY FANTONI



'I didn't know we had any left'

For the first time in years, Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, will not be contributing any of his distinguished watercolours to the annual Lords and Commons art exhibition which opens at Westminster next week. He has sent a note to the organizer, Labour MP Syd Bidwell, asking how he can find time to paint when the Opposition insists on wasting so much time in the Commons on his Housing Bill. Ridley did, however, find time to take Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, to his constituency association dinner in Tewkesbury last Friday. But there may have been a special reason for that. Lord Young, I'm told, was the recipient of an earlier letter from Ridley complaining angrily about the DTI's unprecedented intervention in a planning inquiry to support a proposed new town in Foxley Wood, Hampshire. There were evidently fences to be mended.

British Telecom can pull its finger out when it wants to. Especially when a contract to televise the Commons is at stake. On Monday evening its senior executives appeared before the committee of MPs charged with setting up the television experiment to put their case for being preferred to BBC and ITN. Frank Dobson, Shadow Leader of the House, seized the opportunity to complain about BT's protracted failure to mend a phone in his London flat and suggested BT should concentrate on its primary task. Early the next morning BT rang him to see how quickly it could come to repair the offending machine.

● **Still on Commons committees, I hear that a recent leak to this newspaper of a highly-sensitive Environment select committee report demanding government action on acid rain and air pollution has caused all sorts of ructions. Sir Hugh Rossi, the Tory chairman, has read the riot act to his committee and insisted that all 10 MPs send him a letter stating their innocence. At least one member refused point blank because he objected to being "treated like a schoolboy".**

The knives are out for Lord Ampthill. As head of the Lords Refreshment committee he came in for a lot of flak over the recent salmonella outbreak which laid low 50 peers. Now he is criticized by angry colleagues who sat through the night on the Education Reform Bill on Tuesday only to find that breakfast was not available anywhere in the House. So desperate were their Lordships that one, Earl Russell, son of philosopher Bertrand, missed a crucial vote because he had wandered too far afield for sustenance. However the peers' anger is misplaced. I'm told that Lord Ampthill had intended to serve up bacon and eggs but was overruled by Lord "Bertie" Denham and his team of government whips.

So confident were they that the sitting would collapse in the early hours that they had sent the catering staff home without a second thought.

Adam Roberts lauds a peaceful treaty of self-denial

Hypocritical—but it works

Twenty years ago today, in ceremonies in London, Moscow and Washington, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was signed. It came into force on March 5, 1970 and no fewer than 136 states have become parties. But it remains highly controversial.

Proliferation of nuclear weapons has proceeded far more slowly than pessimists feared – few would have dared to predict in 1968 that 20 years later there would still be only five fully paid-up and practising members of the nuclear club. That they are also the five permanent members of the UN Security Council adds a certain appearance of tidiness to the arrangement. But the challenge posed to the treaty by the states which have refused to join means that there is no room for complacency.

These challenges all involve states locked in regional conflicts – most notably in the Middle East and the Indian sub-continent. There is no doubt that Israel has nuclear weapons (but it has apparently not felt it prudent to test or flaunt them). India conducted its underground "peaceful nuclear explosion" on May 19, 1974. In addition there are many "threshold" countries, such as Pakistan, South Africa, Chile and Brazil, which have not become parties.

So far these countries have all preferred to develop an ambiguous nuclear status to an open one, but there will undoubtedly be further nuclear proliferation. This does not mean that the treaty has failed completely, or that we should not try to keep it in force.

Like all treaties, the NPT represented a deal. Crudely summarized, the nuclear-weapon states undertook not to transfer nuclear weapons to any other recipient, while the non-nuclear weapon states undertook neither to receive nor make them. A system of safeguards was established whereby the International Atomic Energy Agency could verify that the non-nuclear states were complying with the treaty. To soften these terms, the treaty upheld "the inalienable right of the parties" to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. Moreover, all the parties undertook "to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament..."

To many, these arrangements were and remain illogical and hypocritical. The spectacle of the three principal nuclear powers working together to prevent other countries acquiring nuclear weapons was compared to alcoholics preaching abstinence. Unlike the Test Ban Treaty, it seemed to require more restraint from the non-nuclear states than from the nuclear ones.

The new nuclear powers of the 1960s, France and China, refused to subscribe to such a conspiracy of the "haves" against the "have-nots". However, in practice they have generally acted as if they were parties to the treaty.

Some nuclear powers, especially the US and Britain, praised the beneficial effects of deterrence so highly that it was hard not to conclude that everyone should have it. This was General Pierre Gallois' conclusion. He argued in his various writings that nuclear deterrence, good for France, would be good for all other countries as well. Some states have kept out of the treaty because they disapprove of its discriminatory approach.

But the case for the treaty in 1968 has not lost its relevance in 1988. Nuclear weapons were widely seen, even by the major nuclear powers, as a highly problematical means of pursuing security. They required complex control systems with elaborate safeguards against unauthorized use or accident; they had to be deployed in such a manner as not to tempt an adversary into a pre-emptive attack, and they had to be continuously maintained by expert staff in expensive facilities. They had taken the world close to disaster in the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, and had not eliminated the need for large conventional forces.

The US government had long been worried that nuclear proliferation among its allies would reduce its chances of being able to control international crises effectively. In addition, there was a more general sense, whose unpleasant overtones were not lost on the Third World, that it was one thing for stable, long-established and technically advanced countries to have nuclear weapons; it would be quite another thing for new states whose regimes lacked legitimacy and whose frontiers were the subject of disputes.

The NPT is not just in the best interests of a few nuclear powers wanting to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. There is the often overlooked point that non-nuclear states consider it very much in their own interests to preserve this status. Indeed, the treaty can be traced back to the initiatives of various non-nuclear states. It was at Sweden's prompting that the UN General Assembly, in 1961, asked the Secretary-General to inquire into the conditions under which the non-nuclear-weapons states might be willing to renounce the possession of such weapons.

Whatever its limits and logical defects, the NPT continues to be seen as valuable by most parties, as the three review conferences have shown. Recent superpower progress on arms control may quieten some critics.

In 1995 a decision has to be made whether to keep the treaty in force. It should and probably will survive. Too many states have an interest in non-proliferation – not because of the treaty, but because their capacities, interests and self-image do not point in the direction of rushing to acquire these weapons.

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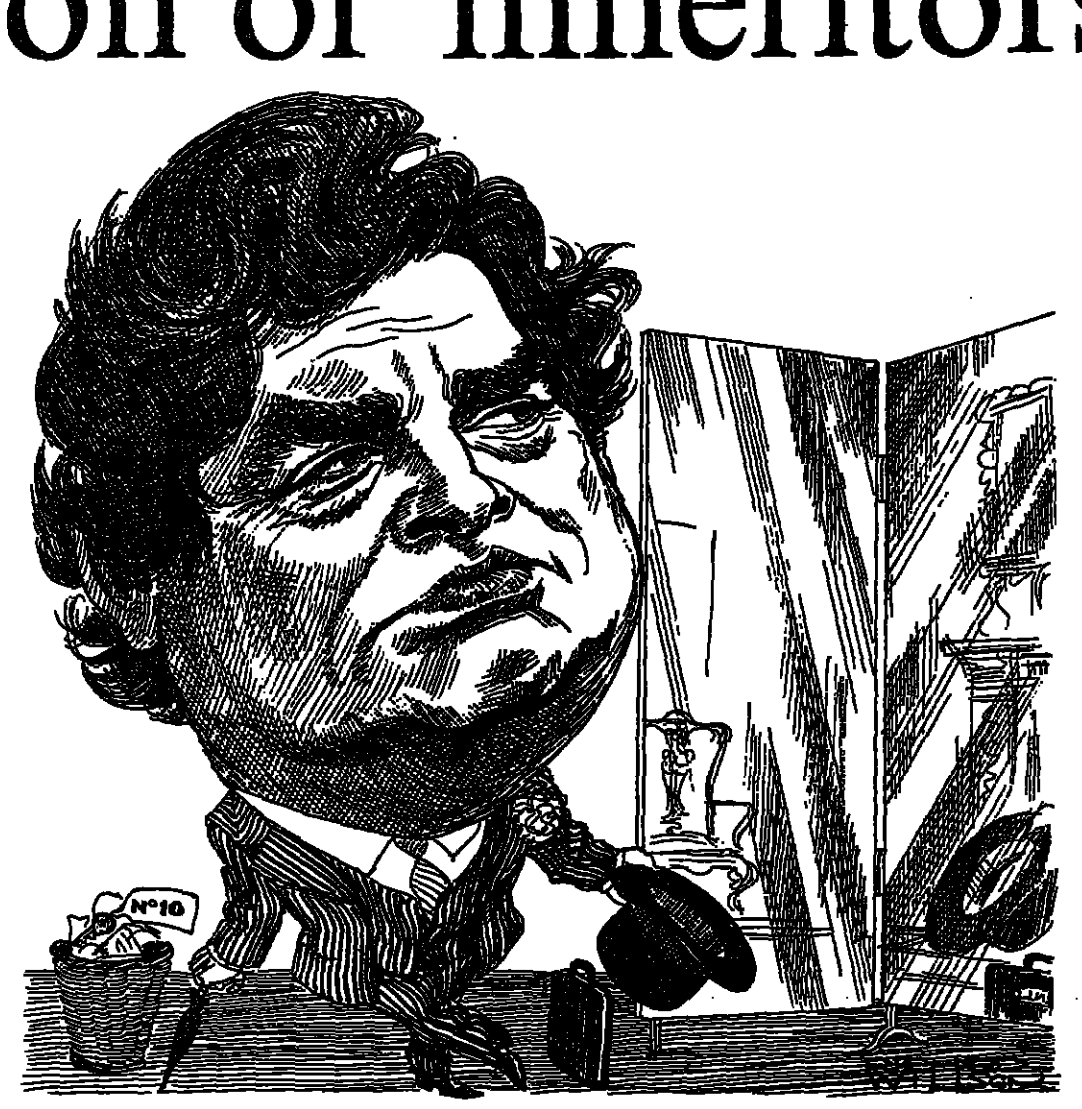
Interview: Nigel Lawson

A nation of inheritors



Life is never dull at Number 11 Downing Street. Three and a half months ago the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, was being lauded by his party and given high marks in the City for a bold and innovative Budget. Today he is under attack for a widening trade deficit which is partly ascribed to those same tax cuts he proposed in March.

In an interview with *The Times* Mr Lawson stressed the quantum leap in the performance of the British economy while yielding little to his detractors. During the nine years in which he had been associated with the Government's economic policy, he said, there had been a revival in the nation's confidence which was not necessarily captured in the figures but was quite apparent from talking to people around the country. Britain was no longer an economy in decline but was recognized both at home and overseas as a strong economy with an attractive future.

Asked if the growing trade deficit required some reining back of demand to restrain imports Mr Lawson poured scorn on the idea that the Budget tax cuts were too large or that fiscal policy should be even tighter than it already is. "With the possible exception of Japan we have the tightest fiscal policy of all the major economies. And anyhow I don't believe in budgetary fine-tuning. The purpose of budgets is to get a strong fiscal stance and then within that to try and introduce tax reforms which will bring a strong, lasting supply side benefit."

To underline the prudence of fiscal policy he forecasts, for the first time, that this year's budget surplus is likely to turn out larger than planned at the time of the Budget.

The Chancellor does concede, however, that "as I've made clear the economy has been growing at an unsustainably rapid rate and needs to slow down a bit. That can be achieved without any drama." There will be no emergency mid-year package to try and rein it back. "As and when there is a need to tighten, that falls to monetary policy."

One reason why consumer demand is so strong and imports so high is that people are saving less. Higher interest rates will encourage them to save more and spend less. But in any case the Chancellor takes the figures with a pinch of salt. "If you believe the official figures the savings ratio is very low. But we do have problems in measuring it." Although the savings ratio is lower than normal he believes it is probably higher than the 5½ per cent of income which the latest figures indicate. And he points to the paradox that "the more confident people are the less they feel the need to save."

If the economy needs to be slowed down by tightening monetary conditions what is the policy framework for doing this? Does the exchange rate play the main role or should interest rates, where necessary, be set independently of their effect on sterling?

"The exchange rate is not so much the anti-inflationary weapon itself, which is monetary policy, but a very powerful reinforcement of the main policy," says Mr Lawson. "Businessmen know that if their costs get out of hand they are not going to be bailed out by a depreciating currency, and that acts as a very desirable discipline."

Monetary policy continues to be guided by a range of indicators. The target fixed for the narrow measure of the money supply, M0, is "for real", Mr Lawson insists, and it is important that it comes back within the 1-5 per cent target range. "It may take a little time but not too long, I hope." But the tension between different indicators is now much reduced – something which must also have reduced the tension between Chancellor and Prime Minister.

The dilemma between whether to raise interest rates and allow the pound to strengthen or keep the pound stable and risk too loose a monetary policy is now largely a thing of the past. Mr Lawson sees the present situation as "an altogether healthier one. The period in which everyone was saying sterling was bound to rocket up beyond $2 – or to DM3.27 as one of the Sunday papers was telling me not so long ago – that period was pretty short-lived. All that is forgotten now, and in the process we have been able to raise interest rates quite significantly."

As Mr Lawson has made plain in the past, notably to the International Monetary Fund meeting last September, he does not believe there is any iron law which dictates that the current accounts of the major industrial countries should always be in balance. A deficit is of concern when it reflects some underlying malaise in the economy.

"The tightening of interest rates is not a direct response to the trade gap at all," he says. "It is a judgement that, taking all things into consideration, there needs to be some monetary tightening".

Will it work and does it in some respects hit the wrong target? Will industrialists be deterred from investment while mortgage holders, seeing their properties leaping in value, go on spending and borrowing with abandon?

Mr Lawson argues that, as with savings, a high level of confidence is part of the trade balance problem. Capital imports by businesses wanting the best equipment available in the world are up by 19 per cent over the past year.

He argues that little industrial investment is financed by bank overdraft, coming instead from retained profits, equity issues and long-term borrowing, "for which the rates haven't moved".

Given that exchange rate stability is so important, does the Chancellor see further strides being made towards European monetary co-operation? On full British membership of the European Monetary System the position remains unchanged. "I do not think recent experience in the foreign exchange markets has any bearing on that," he says.

Nor would he welcome a European Central Bank. "I know of no major European country which wishes to see the powers and responsibilities of its own central bank diminished".

But he does seek practical steps towards a more limited co-operation, with greater use made of the European Currency Unit, both as a reserve and intervention currency. He urges the German Bundesbank to hold some European currencies as well as dollars.

The tensions of the British relationship within Europe are revealed when he says: "Within Europe there have been two different visions – the vision of a deregulated, liberalized Europe which has been ours and of a bureaucratic, harmonized, regulated Europe which has been that of some others. The recent decision on exchange controls suggests that our vision is the way it's going".

Can Britain continue to pay lip service to the ideals of a Single European Market in 1992 without accepting at least some degree of harmonization on VAT? Yes, says the Chancellor. "We can have a genuine single market without VAT harmonization. If you talk to businessmen about all the obstacles in Europe the thing they never complain about is different rates of VAT. It's not a problem. In each country it's the same rate whether it is applied to an indigenous product or an imported one".

If Mr Lawson has a mind to carry his tax reforms further the major changes are more likely to be on the taxation of savings than on indirect taxes. "The taxation of savings is the one area which has not been comprehensively reformed," he says.

"I gave an undertaking that if there were to be a fundamental reform there would be a green paper first and that still stands."

What, finally, of the Chancellor's own future? Asked about his political objectives outside the economic sphere, Mr Lawson comes back to the question of Britain's standing in the world and to his pride at having played a part in reversing the fatalistic acceptance at the time the Tories came to office that further national decline was inevitable. "One reason I went into politics was to play a part in arresting that... Restoration of the nation's morale – morale based on achievement and not on empty rhetoric – is a major objective".

His other aim is to change society "so that we have a nation of people who genuinely feel they have a stake in the country and entrenching that". What he wants is progress "from a property-owning democracy to a nation of inheritors so that the spread of ownership goes on widely from generation to generation".

That concern with national standing does nothing to detract from the view that Mr Lawson would like the Foreign Office if it should become vacant. But if there were a vacancy too at No 10 would that tempt him, or is there any other job in politics which appeals?

The Chancellor replied carefully that his present job has given him much satisfaction, seeing his own and his predecessor's policies carried through. And he adds: "I have no ambition to be prime minister."

But with all the talk of a beckoning life in the City does a third career appeal to this past journalist and present politician?

"I don't know. I don't even know what it would be. Obviously I won't do this job for ever but at what point I should stop I don't know. Anyway, its not entirely a matter for me".

Rodney Lord and Robin Oakley

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Straight course to where?

Neil Kinnock's speech to the National Union of Mineworkers on Wednesday was billed as being the beginning of the big fight back. It was to be the day when Arthur Scargill would get his come-uppance. It didn't exactly work out like that. Perhaps Neil changed his mind, as is his wont. Perhaps he lost his bottle at the last minute. Or perhaps he realized that he did not have a convincing and coherent alternative political philosophy to offer the assembled delegates. Whatever the reason it wasn't particularly inspiring.

Even Roy Hattersley had been more direct earlier in the week. He had at least been blunt. "We must pull ourselves together... and steer a straight course," he warned Labour Party members, or they would not win the next election. He's right, of course. But some of the more irreverent and questioning Labour members might actually want to know what he and the better half of the leadership contest "dream ticket" have been up to for the past five years.

They might even suggest that Hattersley and his leader have had over half a decade to pull the party together and steer a straight course. Some might even be tempted to point out that the leadership itself is not entirely to be exonerated from all blame for the confusion and disarray in which the party currently finds itself. Even that is putting it charitably.

The two leaders have shown too easy a propensity to change their minds. Neither has been forceful and direct in espousing particular values and policies. You can't readily identify either with a political stance as you can Mrs Thatcher, Michael Heseltine or David Owen. All these are seen to stand for something; the former represent weakness and vacillation. Had Neil and Hattersley been more honest and open in their advocacy of the values of social democracy then it is possible that Labour would not be in its present turmoil and again indulging in an orgy of recrimination and back stabbing.

After all, what is this "straight course" that everyone is supposed to follow? It's an easy enough phrase to use. There's no difficulty about asking the troops to fall into line. Some of the poor bloody infantry who have suffered enough in the trenches laid waste by Thatcherism would be happy to oblige if only they knew what they were being drilled for, and where they were supposed to be going. But they don't. None of us do. Not only is there no settled policy but there is also no sense of direction.

Neil knows. That's for certain. The problem with him is that the height and limit of his ambition is to get into No 10. It's the personal drive that causes him to be so impatient, so authoritarian, and so ruthless with his friends. It's why the Labour Party's policies are dispensable.

The difficulty for him is that he somehow has to square this naked drive for power with an unpopular socialist ideology. It can't be done. It's when he tries to reconcile the two that he begins to look weak or shifty, and usually both. This is precisely the predicament he is in with his defence policy.

The result is a kind of political schizophrenia for him and dismay and confusion for his supporters. You don't need the headlines and the capitalist press to point out the inconsistencies. There's always a comrade at hand to point it out and stir it up, to shout "betrayal". A Scargill, a Benn and a Heffer are waiting to pounce on every perceived deviation from socialist orthodoxy.

It makes life very difficult for a Labour leader trying to win power. But it has to be said that the Scargills, the Benns and the Heffers are sincere and consistent. We may detest what they stand for but there's no doubting their belief. They are specific and clear.

Neil moved fast at the NUM conference to disavow Scargill's tribute to the "spirit and courage" of Russell Shankland and Dean Hancock, sentenced to life imprisonment for killing David Wilkins during the 1985 coal strike. It was, Neil said, "disgusting". So it was. He also insisted on the priority of the review of party policy. But this belated attempt to assert his leadership won't work. It misses the point.

It's no good at all for Neil and Hattersley to keep cracking the whip and calling for unity. They also have to show they believe in something. The uncomfortable fact is that Scargill is not a one-man band. He speaks for a significant number in the party. His vision of socialism appeals to many. It is supported by Benn, Heffer and members of the Campaign Group of Labour MPs. It captures the imagination of activists like those who chanted "scab" at Neil in Liverpool this week. Scargill cannot be dismissed as a failed rabble rouser. If he can, there are a lot more who would also have to be discounted, and Labour hasn't exactly got a surfeit of members to play with.

Neil doesn't have much time to get it right before the next election. The best thing that he could do now would be to make a clean break and confess that the course he wants to follow is one that would take him towards social democratic welfarism endorsed by most decent members of the party.

It's difficult, I know, for him to have to admit now that he and all the best in the PLP actually subscribe to principles and values that are espoused by David Owen and Shirley Williams. But there lies the future. When it comes to choosing between linking arms with them or joining hands with the likes of Scargill there's really no choice.

JULY 1 **ON THIS DAY** 1922

The Irish Free State made an inauspicious start as Republican objections to the terms of the agreement boiled over into fighting between the Irregulars, led by "Rory" O'Connor, and troops.

RORY O'CONNOR A PRISONER

DUBLIN

12 NOON – At the present moment O'Connor is still holding out in the Four Courts, and the back portion of the building, in the basements of which he has taken refuge, is being slowly and methodically bombarded.

North of the river, firing is fairly brisk. As I came across the river I met several armoured cars and lorry loads of Government troops, and it is clear that an attack will soon be developed upon Moran's Hotel and other buildings occupied by the Irregulars round about Talbot-street. The Irregulars are still in possession of a considerable number of buildings throughout the city, and the task of sweeping them clear will take some time.

1.30 PM – The fall of the Four Courts is now imminent. Soon after midday a fire broke out in the eastern wing, and large volumes of smoke were carried over the city by the strong westerly wind. A few minutes later there was a terrific explosion, which shattered all the windows, including heavy shop plate-glass windows, within a large radius. It is reported that fragments of records were flung into the Liffey as far as three miles away.

2.30 PM – O'Connor has just asked for a truce. This was arranged during a lull in the firing, in order to permit doctors to enter the building...

4.30 PM – The Provisional Government officially announces that the Irregulars in the Four Courts have hoisted the white flag and have surrendered.

The men, about 130 or 150 in number, were at first marched out of the building with their hands up under a strong military guard, and were then lined up on the quays. They were afterwards taken off on foot in the direction of Mountjoy Prison, where they will be interned pending a decision as to their fate. Many of them were mere boys.

Fighting is going on fairly briskly in the northern half of the city, and it is pretty obvious that unless their opponents surrender the Government have still a harassing task before them. The Irregulars continue their policy of seizing houses in various quarters of the city, and have now occupied the Gresham Hotel. All this quarter is particularly lively today and there has been sharp firing from time to time in Parnell-square...

A British military lorry which had made its way along O'Connell-street was sniped at from an hotel in Talbot-street occupied by the Irregulars. The lorry was promptly halted, and a single soldier, quietly jumping down, gave the building a burst of machine-gun fire, and coolly clambered back into the lorry.

It is impossible to give a complete picture of all the isolated fighting that is going on.

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BRIDGE BETWEEN PILLARS

Britain starts a one-year term as President of the Western European Union today at one of the most challenging times in the organization's history. As the United States prepares to elect a new President and the Soviet Union enters what promises to be a period of profound change, Western Europe is slowly moving centre-stage.

These new winds are nowhere felt more keenly than in Brussels, where Herr Manfred Wörner, former defence minister of the Federal Republic, also takes a new job today — succeeding Lord Carrington as General Secretary of Nato and becoming the first West German ever to hold that post. After shepherding the Alliance through four eventful years, Lord Carrington was strongly critical of Nato's structural inadequacies in an interview with *The Times* this week. Now it is Herr Wörner who inherits the task of drilling 16 member nations into line at a time of rapid diplomatic and political movement.

While all chances of improving the political climate must be seized (and be seen to be seized) there are limits to how far the West can relax. Hopes are again raised of progress towards a more even military balance. But that makes it all the more imperative that Nato speaks with a single voice — and finds that voice quickly.

To do so, a balance of a different sort is required — that between the two pillars of the Alliance, the North American and the European. The strengthening of that second pillar, on the foundations already laid by the WEU, is among the responsibilities facing Britain.

The WEU was founded as a defence alliance after the Second World War, but was quickly overshadowed by Nato, with its crucial transatlantic dimension. The European Alliance then remained largely moribund until reinvigorated (at the instigation of France) several years ago. Only still more recently has its renaissance begun to look permanent — only, in fact, since last October's meeting of foreign ministers at The Hague, when they pledged themselves to seek a common defence identity for Europe.

Holland, which hands over the presidency today, helped shape the necessary doctrine. Now Britain has to help translate that into practical policies.

To some extent the WEU has already proved its worth by coordinating European naval forces in the Gulf. Five of the seven member powers have had ships there this year, while the others have also helped — Luxembourg financially and West Germany by plugging defence gaps left at home.

Its next most immediate objective must be to develop joint policies on arms control, both nuclear and conventional, as the superpowers continue to move closer together. As Sir Geoffrey Howe said in The Hague, future arms control treaties should take into account European interests — a clear reference to the doubts over the removal of all medium-range missiles under the INF Treaty.

But a solution to the vexed problem of burden-sharing in Nato must also have priority. Whichever candidate wins the US presidential election in a little over four months' time, there is likely to be increased pressure from Congress for US troop withdrawals from Western Europe. The US wants to see a less grudging approach to defence spending from the Old World. This is not going to be easy to achieve, when many Europeans perceive the risk of war to be evaporating.

The most lasting single contribution which the WEU could make to Western defence would be to draw France increasingly within a security framework. The recent collaboration between France and West Germany on defence has been paralleled (to some extent) by an improved relationship between the defence ministries of Paris and London. It is a natural development for these bilateral contacts to produce a multilateral framework within Europe.

Exactly how multilateral is one of the most delicate problems facing the WEU. Britain will lead the negotiations this year over the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Alliance. There are mixed feelings about the blessings which might accrue. The WEU's big advantage has been that, by containing only countries with similar defence interests in central Europe, it has a natural unity of purpose.

The negotiations must seek to ensure that letting in the Iberian peninsula will truly strengthen the organization. Britain's Foreign Secretary again described the WEU last October as the "arch between Nato's two pillars." It might crumble under the strain if others tried to clamber on top.

As it is, the WEU looks like providing Herr Wörner with comforting support during his tenure of office. He also might reflect that a touch of British pragmatism is probably the best means of keeping the two pillars strong — and joined together.

SCHOOL TROUBLE

For the second time in a week Britain's local education authorities have had a stern warning. Unless they embark on some rapid and wide-ranging preparatory work the Government's revolutionary plans for schools will be put in immediate jeopardy.

First came the demand from the National Foundation for Educational Research that the Education Department and local councils take urgent steps to enrol and train responsible people to undertake the new, enhanced role of school governors. Then on Tuesday the Audit Commission pointed to a serious flaw in the smooth handover of the financial management from the local education authorities to secondary and larger primary schools.

The councils have clearly not understood the full implications of the change. Even those that have begun work on schemes are falling far short of the total revolution envisaged by Mr Kenneth Baker in his Bill to give the schools back to parents and local communities.

Assuming that the Bill becomes law at the end of this month, local authorities will be obliged to submit schemes for the financial management of their schools by September next year. After ministerial approval these would come into full operation in April, 1993. By then governors and the heads will have control of almost every part of the school's operation, from hiring and firing staff to organizing repairs to buildings.

Financial control is the final plank in the reforms. It hands the real control of their schools to the headteacher and school governors, who will have to decide how the money allocated by the local authority is split between teachers' salaries, books, and everyday costs like heating and lighting.

These school funds can be augmented, for example, by the letting of halls and other facilities. In some areas extra clerical help is being provided for the heads. But none of the schemes anywhere in the country comes close to meeting the requirements of the legislation without substantial modifications.

So far there is little evidence that school heads and governors are in any position to fulfil the role being demanded by the Government. Many authorities, it appears, do not even seem to be aware of the role they are going to have to play. They stand accused by the Audit Commission of failing to face up to the changes ahead.

If nothing more is done to plan the changeover, even more responsibility will fall on headteachers who are already having to become school managers as well as educators (In job interviews up and down the country appointment panels are paying almost as much attention to a candidate's ability as a financial manager as they are to his or her educational skills). But even if the head is able to lift the burden from the governors in running the financial side of the school, that is clearly not what the Government had in mind. The demand from Mr Baker is to give power to the parents, not to an overworked headteacher.

The local education authorities, many of them in sympathy with Mr Baker's aims, have fallen short of the reasonable demands put on them. In consultation with the DES and the Audit Commission, they must devise detailed schemes. Parents and school governors must be consulted in deciding the best way of shifting the real power from the town hall to the community.

It is not too late to repair the damage and prepare the ground for what is the biggest change in the running of Britain's schools since 1944. Work must start now before it is too late.

THE OTHER ANC

The African National Congress takes some pride in being the oldest liberation movement in Africa. The respectability that comes with age and a skilful publicity campaign (helped unwittingly by President Botha, who has inflated its reputation for his own ends) has won it recognition in the capitals of the West.

This has not brought it any closer to victory at home. Failure to win the ultimate prize, a return from exile to the corridors of power in South Africa, has set up deep and abiding tensions within the ANC. Its black nationalist and Marxist elements are at odds; so are the old guard and the new, the political strategists and the men of violence.

Those divisions, complex and often contradictory, were doubtless exacerbated by the drubbing it received at the recent conference of the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa. African leaders have grown impatient with the gap between the ANC's persistent failure to live up to its promises and its pretensions to international recognition as the "sole authentic voice of black South Africans".

It is against this background that the apparent contradiction in the latest ANC statements must be seen. The ANC is threatening a guerrilla campaign in South Africa's white suburbs; at the same time it is reported to be offering liberal constitutional proposals designed to win white support. Although these proposals have yet to be published, it is suggested that they represent a major step back from the commitment to a socialist State and the nationalization of South Africa's mines and industries that were contained in its "Freedom Charter" of 1955.

If the advance publicity is to be believed, the new guidelines do more than address the concerns of South Africa's business leaders. The promised commitment to a multi-party democracy, a bill of rights, freedom of the press and, crucially, the protection of cultural and linguistic rights, is obviously designed to allay legitimate Afrikaner fears about the future of minorities under majority rule.

Indeed, these guidelines could provide a realistic basis for negotiation with South Africa's present rulers and with other political parties representing that country's fractured communities. At the very least they suggest that the ANC — or an element within it — is prepared to do some strategic thinking about the country's future, rather than rely on the belief that one more bomb blast will breach the walls of the white citadel.

The desire of the strategists to assuage white fears will not succeed, however, while others in the organization remain committed to the tactics of terror. The new proposals will be seen as designed simply to increase the organization's respectability among Western governments.

The ANC's return from exile can be assured only by the readiness of white South Africa to welcome it as a legitimate partner in negotiations about the country's future. It is unlikely to extend that invitation while the organization waves a liberal Constitution in one hand and brandishes a bomb in the other.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Methodist criticism of Tory policy

From the Reverend David Mason

Sir, The Rev Richard Jones, President of the Methodist Conference, is a scholar of no mean repute and a practising parson of the utmost integrity. It was therefore the more disappointing to read the account of his presidential address in Saturday's issue (June 25) of *The Times*. In particular, he stated that "the harsh under-belly of capitalism treats the poor with a mixture of contempt and patronising charity".

Now Mr Jones obviously does not vote Conservative, nor is he in sympathy with current Conservative Party policy. In that regard I share his position. However, he seems to say nothing that could not be said equally well by Neil Kinnock, Dr David Owen, or Paddy Ashdown.

It is this failure in the field of social ethics that characterizes so much contemporary ecclesiastical political utterance. There is no theological depth and therefore no prophetic integrity. The superficiality of modern Christian political statement is its own condemnation.

The reason why Archbiship William Temple was taken seriously in the early 1940s is precisely because he laid the foundation of basic Christian social principles from which he spoke, and, as a result, there was a clear structure of theological thought. Dean Walter Muelder did exactly the same in his searching political and economic analysis of the United States in the *1950s and 1960s*.

Conservative politicians do not pay heed to Church leaders in their attacks on Government policy because what is said differs so little from similar speeches by the Opposition. For example, it is easy for the Methodist Conference to lament the financial crisis that undermines the National Health Service. But why is there no existing Christian critique of the welfare state that would provide firm ground for intelligent and informed debate?

Sir, the President of the Methodist Conference is right to speak his mind on the political climate of contemporary Britain. The tragedy is that he, like so many other distinguished ecclesiastics, does not provide the theological framework to justify such fierce moral indignation.

Yours faithfully,
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June 27.

From Mr A. N. Lindsay

Sir, As one who was born in a Methodist manse I find the reports of the President of the Methodist Conference on the Government's policies inept.

In the 1930s my father's ministry in both rural and urban circuits brought him into close contact with poverty, deprivation, and suffering amongst many of his congregation. For him, the solution lay in socialism and the egalitarian evangelism of the then Dr Donald Soper.

When the welfare state with the National Health Service came to be realities he truly felt a real step forward had been made toward "the Kingdom of God on Earth".

I clearly recall an evening in the 1950s when he returned home, having travelled on a bus. A fellow passenger, an inebriated workman, had teased him. As he recounted the incident he made the comment, "Now they have everything and what do they spend their wages on — booze, bingo, and the betting shop".

A few years later, shortly before his death, I asked him if he thought his ministry had been worth while. Sadly, the answer was negative.

Yours faithfully,
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June 27.

From the Director of the Church Society

Sir, It has been a widely-held view, that the influence of John Wesley and the Methodist revival upon the poor and the working classes saved this country in the 18th century from a revolution. The recent remarks of Wesley's present-day successor seem to indicate that it is his object to lead one! What would Wesley think about that?

Yours faithfully,
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June 27.

Ilea boarders left out in the cold

From Mr M. I. Samuels

Sir, The proposal to abolish the Inner London Education Authority and place education in the hands of the London boroughs fails to take into account the 1,300 pupils who require to be educated in boarding schools outside the capital.

These children are subject to statements of special need according to procedures laid down by the Government's 1981 Education Act and include some of the most disadvantaged, for whom provision has to be made. The work of these schools is so specialised that it is impossible to imagine that a single borough could organise the comprehensive residential system needed for blind, deaf, emotionally-disturbed and physically-handicapped children. To replicate even part of the service borough by borough would, in addition, be prohibitively expensive.

The head teachers of these schools have developed an interdependent and coherent pattern of education that serves the whole of the inner-London area. They fear that their expertise and quality of service will not be available in the undiluted form in which the Bill now before Parliament is presented.

The secretary of state should be pressed to amend section 144 of the Education Reform Bill to enable the boarding special schools to remain a unified and specialised service meeting the residential needs of all disability groups, irrespective of the borough in which they live.

Instead, an educational trust should be set up to run the existing institutions. This would maintain one of the Ilea's outstanding achievements whilst concomitantly relieving the boroughs of a costly and thorny problem.

The fragmentation of the boarding sector would unintentionally cause harm to the group of children who need the most help and care.

Yours etc,
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June 29.

School governors

From Mr Phil Woods

Sir, All praise to your editorial (June 27) emphasising the need for parents to stand as school governors. For there to be enough governors, however, all parents have to be much better informed. The old ways of informing parents (the bureaucratic language, reliance on the vagaries of pupil post, etc) have to go and innovative ways be tried of reaching parents.

In Wales, we are pioneering a free, national guide for parents intended to galvanise them into participating more fully, as well as giving them the information they need. It is written by consumers, rather than teachers or administrators — though it has widespread support within the education system.

More consumer-led initiatives are sorely needed if the Government's aim of greater parental involvement is to be realised.

Yours sincerely,
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Aids testing

From Mr T. Mervyn Jones and Dr G. Murray Jones

Sir, The legal and medical reasons against routine testing for HIV infection (letter from Messrs Shurman and Sherrard, June 22) we find unconvincing and untenable. Our public health legislation has long imposed a compulsory obligation that a whole range of diseases should be notified. This is done without any requirement of patient's consent, actual or implied, or proof that such was for the patient's benefit.

Is there a valid reason for treating an Aids sufferer differently? The consequences of HIV infection going undetected for partner(s), offspring, employment, life insurance, are far far more serious than disclosure of medical truth.

Wiser nationwide counselling, replacing sensational media propaganda, could possibly lean public opinion to such views, and focus more on the innocent victims who are inflicted by a fatal and horrible disease.

We jointly sign this letter as lawyer and general practitioner because, now, from the touch line, we recognise a state of emergency demanding a united effort, even if some prejudices have to be abandoned for the common good.

Yours faithfully,
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June 24.

From Professor R. B. Heath

Sir, Mr Shurman and Mr Sherrard state that anonymised testing (for Aids) is already permissible. If this statement refers to testing undertaken without patients' consent, then it is certainly untrue. The Department of Health has yet to express approval of this method of testing and I am unaware of any other authority even advocating its use.

The report of the working group on the monitoring and surveillance of HIV infection and Aids to the DHSS went no further than stating that involuntary unnamed (anonymous) testing must not be ruled out for future consideration.

As one who firmly believes that involuntary anonymous testing is the only sensible way to obtain information on the current prevalence and future spread of HIV infection in this country, I feel it is important to stress that this method has yet to receive official approval, although hopefully this will be forthcoming in the near future.

Yours faithfully,
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Witness to a wreck

From Mrs Joy H. A. Bourdillon

Sir, I read with great interest the report (June 23) by Michael Evans on the wreck of the Warren Hastings. My maternal grandfather, Major Franz Piens, who was in The Middlesex Regiment, was a passenger on this ship, together with my grandmother and my aunt, who was then a babe in arms.

As children, my grandmother used to regale us with stories of the shipwreck, telling us how she refused to abandon ship until she had finished feeding her baby and had collected up all her jewellery. She also told us of her hazardous descent to safety when her long dress got caught in the rope ladder and she fell into the arms of a seaman in the lifeboat below.

Yours faithfully,
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Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Wartime massacre

From Sir David Napley

Sir, My friend, Colonel Draper, is, of course, quite right when he points out (June 30) that it would not be possible to reconstitute the Nuremberg tribunal to try Mohnke for the Wormhoudt massacre. I have never expressed a contrary view and, like Colonel Draper, I consider that the remedy lies with the German Federal Government.

Yours truly,
DAVID NAPLEY,
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Higginson rejected

From Mr C. D. O. Jenkins

Sir, As we expected, the rejection of the Higginson report [on "slimmed-down" A levels; reports, June 8, 9] has stimulated a great deal of British interest in the international Baccalaureate.

It is difficult to understand why, once again, revision of A-level education has come to nothing. It is particularly difficult for us to comprehend as we have already faced up to the much-quoted difficulties, as have the 400 schools who follow our programmes and sit our examinations.

Half of these schools incidentally are ordinary State schools in a range of European and North American countries, which have opted for the rigour of the programme against generally less testing national systems (including the British one).

As a British citizen I feel a deep sadness that, once again, A-level candidates are being denied a proper education. One had such high hopes that "Higginson" was to be the breakthrough.

It is particularly sad that, while the whole of the European education system seems closely aware of 1992 and the value of an education which is broad with a strong language component, Britain continues to espouse a form of education for the 16-18 year-old which has been out of date (if it were ever anything else) for a very long time.

Yours faithfully,
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Claverton Down, Bath, Avon.
June 21.

Estate agents' code

From the Director General of the Office of Fair Trading

Sir, Christopher Warman's report (June 27) described proposals for a voluntary code of conduct and the creation of an ombudsman for estate agents. The Office of Fair Trading is watching the development of these proposals with interest.

The report also mentioned potential dangers to the image of estate agency as a result of "mortgage fraud". Your readers may like to know that, under the Estate Agents Act 1979, the Director General of Fair Trading can make orders against those convicted of fraud, dishonesty, or violence, banning them from engaging in estate-agency work. I have already used those powers in cases involving mortgage fraud.

Moreover, my office has recently written to all chief constables to invite their co-operation by advising the office of cases under investigation or coming to trial. This will help me to act promptly where action is required. I am pleased to say that the initial response has been very positive.

It is in everyone's interest to ensure that those who demonstrably cannot be relied on to deal honestly and fairly with the public are prevented from entering or continuing in estate agency. The order-making powers in the Estate Agents Act provide a means of achieving this, and the Office of Fair Trading always welcomes information, from whatever source, which might help in the effective exercise of those powers.

Yours faithfully,
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Education vouchers

From the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Strathclyde University

Sir, Your leader article of June 28, "A bridge of vouchers", is too grudging about this important matter. Vouchers solve many problems and not just those of the alternative funding of higher education.

The influence of controlled market forces will be to stimulate change and boldness in an otherwise defensive system of universities and colleges.

More importantly, they will encourage diversity of provision and thereby relieve the monotonous cloning of Oxbridge. That alone is sufficient justification of vouchers.

The main point, however, is to understand and accept that it was ever foolish to subsidise the supplier rather than the customer. The satisfied intelligent customer is the best safeguard of all that we do, especially with regard to higher education and academic freedom in particular.

Yours sincerely,
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Uneasy on the ear

From Mrs Betty Williams

Sir, Never resident in Yorkshire, nor indeed Lancashire, schooled in Nottingham, educated at Oxford, long time domiciled in Hertfordshire, and recently moved to Devon, I nevertheless ran straight through Mrs Hall's examination paper (June 25) at a glance. What then is this mystique about Yorkshire-speak?

Understanding is one thing, but does one find it mellifluous enough to wish to use it?

And how stands Mrs Hall on real Geordie? Now there is a mystery!

Yours, I trust respectfully in Queen's English.
BETTY WILLIAMS,
4 Warren Park, West Hill,
Ottery St Mary, Devon.
June 27.

Thyssen collection

From Mr Ewald Junge

Sir, We have been told, time and again, that Baron Thyssen's art collection is "second only to that of the Queen" among privately-owned ones. Very well then: do we need to spend a large fortune on it? Do we need the second best, leaving aside for the moment all questions of what we own publicly?

I certainly enjoyed the opportunity to see some of the collection at Burlington House earlier this year, and am grateful to *The Times* for making this possible. This still does not answer the question whether we do not have on permanent display Rembrandts, Caravaggios or even Canalettos and Holbeins enough here in London, let alone elsewhere in the country and in Scotland.

Mr Michael Levey's language, as quoted in your leading article (June 25), is perhaps a trifle immoderate; but I see his point. We need (a) to see to it that what we have already got is suitably housed and displayed and (b) to endow a purchasing fund for *essential* new acquisitions, be they among old or modern masters.

To grab at the Thyssen collection (or accumulation, rather) in lieu of such a strategy seems to me shortsighted. I might add that all of this, again, leaves aside the question of underfunding *living* arts at the expense of dead ones.

To cite but one example: when it was suggested that the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden needed rebuilding rather than refurbishing, no money could be found from public funds. Indeed, even the refurbishment is only made possible by hiving off part of the site for private development.

Yours truly,
EWALD JUNGE,
The White House,
Regent's Park, NW1.
June 25.

From Mr Leslie H. Edwards

Sir, I would suggest the experts visit the Thyssen collection to see the way it is housed and hung in the simple and elegant Villa Favorita. Many of the pictures are small and can only be appreciated by the flair and considerable details that have gone into housing this superb collection. Again, the setting of the villa on the shores of the lake are much to be admired. They do not need a palace or a vast gallery.

The Burrell collection in Pollock Park, Glasgow, could well be followed and built in Regent's PARk, for instance, or a similar setting. The Royal Scottish Academy on The Mound, Edinburgh, has excellent taste and decor and certainly knows how to deal with pictures. Perhaps the Prime Minister and Baron Thyssen would like some expert help from Scotland.

Yours faithfully,
L. H. EDWARDS,
Brown's Brook Cottage,
Fairwarp, Uckfield, Sussex.

Cut to size

From Mrs Elspeth Walder

Sir, Headmasters stuck for a topical punishment at this stage in the summer term might ask their erring pupils to submit a 200-word précis of Mr Gorbachov's speech to the national Communist Party conference (*The Times* today, page 7).

Yours sincerely,
ELSPETH WALDER,
45 Courtenay Street, SE11.
June 29.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

June 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Zoological Gardens in Edinburgh to mark the 75th Anniversary of their opening.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost), the President of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (the Viscount of Arbuthnott) and the Director of the Zoological Gardens (Mr Roger Wheater).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, opened the new Orientation Centre and Administrative Buildings and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Secretary of State for Scotland (the Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind, MP, Minister in Attendance), the Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine, Mr Robin Janvrin, and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Earl of Stair had the honour of being received by The Queen and delivered up the Gold Stick of Office upon relinquishing his appointment as Captain-General, The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers.

Colonel the Lord Clydesmuir had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Captain-General, The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers and received from Her Majesty the Gold Stick of Office.

Mr William Scott, winner of the annual shooting event of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers, had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty and received The Queen's Prize.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Graden of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Prince of Wales, the Princess Royal, Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar and the Lady Saltoun and the Hon Elizabeth Ramsay of Mar were present.

The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers, under the command of the Captain-General, Colonel the Lord Clydesmuir, Gold Stick for Scotland, was on duty.

The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty.

The Bands of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) and the 1st Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders played selections of music.

Sir Iain Tennant, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, had the honour of being received by The Queen this evening.

The Prince of Wales, President, Scottish Business in the Community, this morning visited the Edinburgh Venture Enterprise Trust at 30 Rutland Square, Edinburgh.

His Royal Highness, President, Scottish Business in the Community, subsequently visited the Wester Hailes Employment Initiative at Wester Hailes, Edinburgh.

Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance.

The Princess Royal this morning opened Broom Court, a Margaret Blackwood Housing Association Hostel, at Bannockburn Road, Stirling.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk (Lieutenant-Colonel James Stirling of Garden).

Her Royal Highness, Visitor, later visited Strathcarron Hospice, Randolph Hill, Denny.

The Princess Royal, attended by the Countess of Lichfield, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Captain Malcolm Edge, RN (Deputy Master of Trinity House) at the Memorial Service for Captain Roland Watkin, RN which was held at St Mary's, Ballaugh, Isle of Man this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 30: The Prince Edward, President of the Holborn Great Investment Race, attended a meeting and luncheon at Groucho's, 44 Dean Street, London W1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening attended the 3rd Computer Industries Charity Ball at Grosvenor House in aid of Young Enterprise.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 30: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new Fish Market at Newlyn, Cornwall.

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened the new Renal Unit at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske, Truro, Cornwall.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited Coventry and was received on arrival at Birmingham Airport by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County of West Midlands (The Earl of Aylesford).

Her Royal Highness opened the restored Coventry Canal Basin Warehouses this morning and was later entertained by luncheon at the Council House by the Lord Mayor of Coventry (Councillor A. Waugh).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon opened the new Day Surgery Unit at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Whitehead.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 30: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Friends of Gibraltar Heritage Society, this morning received Sir Eldon Griffiths, General Sir William Jackson, Mr Sam Alper and Mr Michael Welbank.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Papworth and Enham Foundation for Handicapped People, today opened Southbrook Field housing development, Papworth Village Settlement, Cambridgeshire.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Euan McCorquodale, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales celebrates her birthday today.

Lord and Lady Cullen of Ashbourne are overwhelmed by the kindness of their friends on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary, and ask their patience for individual response.

Reception

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday at 10 Downing Street to mark the golden jubilee of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.S. Hooper and Miss C.M. Daubeny

The engagement is announced between David, son of Sir Robin Hooper and the late Lady Hooper, and Caroline, daughter of the late Sir Peter Daubeny and of Lady Daubeny.

Mr P.G. Collier and Miss R.J. Spittle

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs G.G.H. Collier, of Shantock Lodge, Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, and Jayne, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Spittle, of Elmbridge, Worcestershire.

Mr J.T. Davies and Miss H. Djupsö

The engagement is announced between Julian Timothy, son of Mrs Maureen Davies, of Choulex, Geneva, and Mr John Robin Davies, of Bellevue, Geneva, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Djupsö, of Alusjö, Sweden.

Mr D.J. Edwards and Miss E.J. Overton

The engagement is announced between Dennis Edwards, FRCS, only son of Mr and Mrs Mansel Edwards, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Overton, of Wood Lane House, Iver, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M. Googe and Miss D.A. Wilkins

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Googe, Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Debbie Anne, eldest daughter of the late Mr A.D. Wilkins and of Mrs B.J. Wilkins, Great Wakering, Essex.

Mr A.D. Graham and Miss J.D. Rankin

The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr I.M. Graham, of Coombe Kea, Cornwall, and Mrs I.M. Graham, of Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset, and Janet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.C.D. Rankin, of Carnock, Fife.

Mr M.A. Hodgson and Miss N.J. Howland

The engagement is announced between Michael Andrew, eldest son of Professor and Mrs J. Hodgson, now of Palmerston North, New Zealand, and Nicola Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.L. Howland, of Fort William, Inverness-shire.

Mr J. Jeczalik and Miss J.L. Hill

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Edward Stephen, youngest son of the late Captain J. Jeczalik and of Mrs N. Jeczalik, of Court Cottage, King's Sutton, Oxfordshire, and Joanna Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George R. Hill, of 23, Sheffield Terrace, London, W8.

Mr H.C. King and Dr J. McIntyre

The engagement is announced between Hugh Cameron, son of Mr and Mrs King, Pickade House, Great Kimble, Buckinghamshire, and Jean, daughter of the late Rev Hamish McIntyre and of Mrs Jean McIntyre, 43 Gilmour Street, Eaglesham, Renfrewshire.

Mr M.A. Leadbetter and Miss D.J. Turner

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Leadbetter, of Highcliffe, Dorset, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Dudley-Turner, of Branksome Park, Dorset.

Mr J.R. Lowe and Miss C.J. Bushell

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Lowe, of Magagnosc, France, and Christina, only daughter of Mr A.P. Bushell, of Thurlestone, Devon, and Mrs H.R. Timmis, of Bath, Avon.

Mr G.A. Magnus and Miss L.A. Wakefield

The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Magnus, of Stanmore, Middlesex, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W. Wakefield, of Upperton, West Sussex.

Surgeon Lieutenant (D) J.R. Main, RN and Miss J.A.L. Cheeseman

The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Main, of Perth, Western Australia, and Jo-Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Cheeseman, of North Curry, Somerset.

Mr A. Ribaroff and Miss D.E. Rowley

The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. Ribaroff, of Cranbury, New Jersey, and Denise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Rowley, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.J. Ritchie and Miss F.C. Mansfield

The engagement is announced between Alistair John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Donald Ritchie, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona Caroline, youngest daughter of the late Mr Louis Mansfield and Mrs Sybil Mansfield, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr R.G.L. Scovell and Miss S.L. Denny

The engagement is announced between Robert Gerald Leeds, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.F.A. Scovell, of Stagsdene, Headley Down, Hampshire, and Sally Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Denny, of Pool Park, St Tudy, North Cornwall.

Mr R.J.C. Smith and Miss A.L. Lockhart

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Owen Smith, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, and Anna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lockhart, of Levens Green, Hertfordshire.

Mr P.G. Stickland and Miss H.S. Shirley

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Stickland, of Broughton, Cambridgeshire, and Henrietta, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Shirley, of Ragged Appleshaw, Hampshire.

The marriage arranged between Lucien Morgan and Sarah Jane Victoria Verner will not take place.

Marriages

Mr C.S. Hopkinson and Miss C.A. Bennett

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 25, at St Nicholas' Church, Studland, Dorset, between Mr Christopher Hopkinson, son of the late Brigadier Harry Hopkinson and of Mrs Hopkinson, of Woolstone, Oxfordshire, and Miss Caroline Bennett, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Bennett, of Kingswood, Surrey. The Rev Frank Scammell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sarah Wilcock, Alastair Whitfield and Miss Gillian Bennett. Mr Christopher Humber was best man.

Professor N.I. MacKenzie and Dr G.R. Ford

The marriage took place on June 30, in Westminster Abbey between Professor Norman MacKenzie and Dr Gillian Ford.

Mr A.D.C. Rudd and Miss A.R. Peel

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 25, in St Lawrence's Abbey, Ampleforth, of Mr Alastair Douglas Cleary Rudd, second son of the late Major D.H.C. Rudd, and Mrs F.F.A. Rudd, of Exeter, to Miss Anna Rebecca Peel, second daughter of the late Mr R. Peel and Mrs R. Campbell-Scott, of Dalton. Father Barry Hallett officiated.

Captain Ivan R.J. Rudd, RAC, was best man.

Birthdays today

Sir Alan Campbell, diplomat, 69; Miss Leslie Caron, actress, 57; Miss Olivia de Havilland, actress, 72; Mr Trevor Eve, actor, 37; Lady Faulkner of Downpatrick, 63; Sir Colin Figures, civil servant, 63; Lord Gisborough, 61; Mr Hans Werner Henze, composer, 62; Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Heward, 70; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Hugo, former Gentleman Usher to The Queen, 89; Lord Irving of Dartford, 70; Viscount Leverhulme, 73; Mr Carl Lewis, athlete, 27; Sir Kenneth Lewis, former MP, 72; the Marquess of Linlithgow, 42; Mr Frederic Lloyd, vice-president, Royal Academy of Music, 70; Miss Jean Marsh, actress, 54; General Sir Thomas Pearson, 74; Miss Joan Sadler, former principal, Cheltenham Ladies' College, 61; Mr Peter Walwyn, racehorse trainer, 55; the Very Rev Alan Webster, former Dean of St Paul's, 70.

Dinners

Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was a speaker at a dinner given by the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers at the Mansion House last night. Mr R.H. Boissier, Master, presided.

Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club

The centenary of Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club was celebrated at a dinner held last night at the club. The Captain, Mr Patrick Shovelton, proposed the health of the guests and Sir Oliver Chesterton replied. Clubs and societies from all over the world attended. Coincidentally, the Ladies Club celebrated the centenary at the Ashdown Forest Hotel. The Lady Captain, Mrs Tamsin Timpson, welcomed the guests and Miss Enid Wilson replied. Mrs Carol Larkin also spoke.

College of William and Mary in Virginia

Professor Timothy J. Sullivan, Dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary, Virginia, United States, presided at a dinner held last night at Drapers' Hall, by permission of the Master and Wardens. The Marshall-Wythe Medallion was presented to Professor H.L.A. Hart, QC, by Professor Paul A. LeBel.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will arrive at the Graham Institute, West Linton, at 10.45.

The Prince of Wales, President of Scottish Business in the Community, will open Stirling Enterprise Park at 10.30; Alloa Business Centre at 11.45; and will visit Glenrothes New Town at 1.15 in its fortieth anniversary year.

The Princess Royal will open the Alexander Donald building at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, at 10.30; and, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Kinloch Anderson in Edinburgh at 2.30.

Princess Margaret, President of the NSPCC, will visit the Border Counties' Group Child Protection Team in Llanthony Road, Gloucester at 2.30; and will attend a ball at Overbury Court, Tewkesbury, at 8.20 in aid of the NSPCC.

Memorial services

Sir Athelstan Caroe

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Athelstan Caroe was held yesterday at Liverpool Parish Church. Canon Nicholas Frayling, Rector of Liverpool, officiated. Mr Fred Caroe, son, read the lesson and Mr Richard Ellis, Chairman of TSB Scotland, gave an address. The Ambassador of Iceland was attended. Among those present were:

Lady Caroe (widow), Mr Andrew Caroe and Mr Patrick Caroe (sons), Miss Clarissa Caroe (daughter), Mrs Fred Caroe (daughter-in-law), Elizabeth Caroe (granddaughter).

Mr Russell Harty

A memorial service for Mr Russell Harty was held yesterday in Blackburn Cathedral. Canon G.A. Williams officiated, assisted by Canon M. Taylor, Canon B. Beaumont and Canon J. Hirst.

Mr Philip Johnston, Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, read the lesson and Mr Hugh Williams, Head of Broadcasting, BBC North West, read from *The Life of the World to Come* by Henry Barclay Swete. Mr Michael Parkinson gave an address. The Rev N. Daniels, Chaplain of Giggleswick School, the Rev G.W. Betteridge and Canon T.J. F. Heighway were robed and in the Sanctuary.

Eton College

Summer Half at Eton College closes today. There are 269 boys leaving, including the Captain of the School, W.H.H. Reece, KS, and the Captain of the Oppidans, M.N.H. Hoffman, OS. Mr A.G. Ray, Mr D.S. Shawcross, Mr K.R. Spencer and Mr W. Winter are leaving Eton; Mr J. W. Roberts and Mr D. J. S. Guilford are retiring from their houses. The House IVs were won by Dr D. Harrison's, who also retained the Aquatic Cup. In the final of the House Cricket Mr R.O. Quibell's defeated Mr N.J.T. Jaques's by three wickets. Michaelmas Half begins on September 5.

David Watt Memorial Prize

The first David Watt Memorial Prize, sponsored by Rio Tinto Zinc in honour of the political columnist of *The Times*, who died last year, was awarded yesterday. The £2,000 prize for "an outstanding contribution towards the clarification of international and political issues" went to Mr Edward Mortimer, formerly of *The Times* and now with *The Financial Times*, for articles on socialism in Western Europe.

● *The Inquiring Eye*, the Writings of David Watt, was published yesterday by Penguin, £9.95.

St Godric's College, London

The college open day for current students and their parents will be held today at the White House, 82, Fitzjohn's Avenue, at 3.00 pm. The principals of the college, Sir John and Lady Loveridge and Mr M.W. Loveridge and members of the staff will attend.

Service dinner

Air Headquarters Cyprus

Air Vice-Marshal A.L. Roberts was the principal guest at a dinner held last night in the Officers' Mess, Episkopi, to mark the disbandment of Air Headquarters Cyprus. Wing Commander R.A. Camping presided. Air Commodore R.P. O'Brien, Air Officer Commanding Cyprus, and Air Commodore R.J. Offord were among those present.

OBITUARY

MARCHESA IRIS ORIGO

Byron biographer who helped war's victims

Marchesa Iris Origo, DBE, who died on June 28, aged 85, was a writer of great distinction. She was best known for her biographical studies of Byron and the Italian poet Leopardi, but her other historical works are fine examples of scholarship, and her account of her experiences in the Second World War, *War in the Val d'Orcia*, gives a vivid picture of life during the conflict.

In that moving book she described how a procession of people ranging from wretched Italian children, elderly people fleeing from the cities, Jews, Italian soldiers and escaping British prisoners of war all passed through her house raising for her every day conflicting duties while as a backdrop the Germans, the partisans and the Allies disputed Italian soil.

Iris Origo was, in all senses of the word, an aristocrat. She loved what was best, and sought to achieve it in her own work. She was also an aristocrat by birth.

Her father, Bayard Cutting, came from one of those old American families so often described by Edith Wharton, and part of Iris Cutting's youth was spent in his large, friendly home on Long Island. She had, however, been born in Birdlip, Gloucestershire.

The Cutting family, although unquestionably rich, had a strong sense of social responsibility. All her uncles and aunts devoted themselves to some high cause. This feeling of duty remained uppermost in Origo's character, and directed her life.

Her mother was a daughter of Lord Desart, an Anglo-Irish peer, and after Lady Sybil Cuffe had married Bayard Cutting they lived in the Villa Medici on the hillside of Fiesole, where she spent a somewhat unhappy adolescence, indulging the whims of her spoilt and selfish mother.

But life in Florence enabled her to study the classics from a great teacher, Professor Solone Monti. She learnt to love the Greek and Latin poets and developed a sense of scholarship.

Someone who knew her in the early 1920s might have predicted for her the headship of a Cambridge college. Instead she married in 1924 a handsome Italian, the Marchese Antonio Origo, and together they decided to live in one of the poorest and most barren regions of southern Tuscany, in the shadow of Monte Amiato, and spend what little money had then come to her from the Cutting fortune on reclaiming the land, rebuilding the peasants' houses, and creating a thriving rural society.

Iris Cutting of the Villa Medici had to give up her intellectual interests, and learn harsh facts of country life, which she did with her unfailing sense of responsibility.

In 1933 a tragedy occurred in her life; her little boy, Gianni, died, and, in order to occupy her thoughts, she turned back to her early interest in writing, beginning with an account of her son, which was privately printed and is almost unbearably touching.

Her first published book was on Leopardi. She loved his poetry, and his unhappy life was, at that time, sympathetic to her. Her knowledge of the classics, and her experiences of the dreariness of Italian provincial life, all combined to make this a model introduction, which she was later to expand and improve. *Leopardi* was well received, and she began to think of herself as a writer.

Her next book was a study of Byron's daughter *Allegra* (1935), and this led on to what is probably her best-known work, the story of Byron and la Guiccioli, called *The Last Attachment* (1949). Here again her knowledge of Italian prejudices and family feeling allowed her to enter into the subject as the ordinary English biographer of Byron could not have done.

She subsequently wrote a book entitled *The Merchant of Prato* which, in spite of laborious research, is of interest chiefly to scholars and a book on the world of San Bernardino.

Later, in a more relaxed mood, she wrote a charming account of her life and interests, *Images and Shadows*, and compiled an anthology, *The Vagabond Path*, that shows her width of reading in six languages, and also reveals her character. Although perceptive of the finest shades of beauty in language, she remained chiefly interested in moral, human and social problems.

During the war she was already looking after orphaned Italian children, starting up a home for them adjacent to her farm and this she continued till the 1960s. It was very largely her private charity. For her relief work in war-torn villages she received the Gold Medal of the Italian Red Cross, as she was created a DBE for helping escaping British PoWs.

After the disastrous floods in Florence in 1966 Iris Origo helped save ancient books and manuscripts from the waters and became involved in international rescue fund-raising efforts.

In her later years she suffered a second tragedy. Her husband had a stroke, which left him half paralysed and incapable of the life of an active country gentleman. This she bore without complaint, but it gradually wore her down, and prevented her from writing the books which she knew she still had in her. He died in 1976.

She published in 1984 *A Need to Testify: Four Portraits*, in which she described four people, all known personally to her, who had resisted Fascism in Italy in the days of Mussolini.

She was not an easily accessible person, but her small group of friends were devoted to her.

BRAMWELL FLETCHER

Bramwell Fletcher, the Yorkshire-born actor who has died in New Hampshire, at the age of 84, spent most of his career in the American theatre, most of the last period in his own one-man programme on Bernard Shaw.

Though he had half a dozen full Shavian parts during his life, ranging between Dubedat and Doolittle, he is remembered especially for his one-man show, *The Bernard Shaw Story*, done first in 1964 at a Dublin premiere before its long life throughout the United States.

It was at the Shubert in 1941 as Dubedat in *The Doctor's Dilemma* that Fletcher began his association with Shaw.

Between 1956 and 1961, as understudy to Rex Harrison, he acted Higgins in the New York production of *My Fair Lady* on over 200 occasions.

He appeared during 1927 in minor parts at Stratford-upon-Avon, directed by Bridges-Adam. His London debut came that autumn at the Court Theatre in Komisargevsky's production of *Paul I*. He had three or four West End parts, including a run with Matheson Lang as Harold Marquess in the melodrama of *The Chinese Bungalow* (1929).

He was also becoming known as well in silent films. He left for New York in 1929 where his friend Laurence Olivier was acting

During the early 1930s he was in Hollywood films; but after a difference with Sam Goldwyn he went back to New York and remained there, or on tour, for almost the rest of his life, appearing with many major actresses.

Fletcher was married four times, latterly to Lael Wertenbaker.

FRANCISZKA THEMERSON

Franciszka Themerson, a Polish-born London painter died on June 29, a day after her 81st birthday.

Born in Warsaw, she studied at the Academy of Fine Arts and started her career there in 1931, painting and illustrating books for children.

She also made experimental avant garde films in collaboration with Stefan Themerson, whom she married in 1931.

In 1937 the Themersons moved to Paris where Franciszka continued painting and illustrating childrens books.

After the fall of France in 1940 she escaped on board a Polish troopship to Britain where her husband joined her in 1942. From then on the Themersons lived in London where, in 1948, they founded the Gaberbocchus Press of which Franciszka was art director.

From 1951 a member of the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers, she was elected a Fellow in 1960.

In 1952 she designed masks for a reading of Alfred Jarry's *Ubu Roi* at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London. In 1963-64 she designed costumes and sets for a production of the play in Stockholm, and in 1966 she designed costumes and sets for a production of Brecht's *Threepenny Opera* in Stockholm.

She had shows on three occasions at the Gallery One in London, and she showed at the New Gallery in Belfast in 1966, and at the Richard Demarco Gallery in Edinburgh two years later. She had a show at the Whitechapel Gallery in London, in 1975, and her work was also seen in New York, Paris and Stockholm.

Kurt Raab, the German film actor and director who had a long collaboration with the late Rainer Werner Fassbinder, died on June 28. He had recently completed a film about Aids, from he had been suffering since 1986.

Born in Bergreichenstein, Czechoslovakia, in 1941, he was a props master for stage and television before joining Fassbinder in 1970. He worked on most of the Fassbinder films thereafter, either as designer, assistant director or actor.

Among his acting roles was the lead in *Tenderness of the Wolves*. He also appeared in films by other directors, including Hans-Jurgen Syberberg's *Hitler*.

MR LIONEL CAREY

Mr Lionel Carey, headmaster of Bromsgrove School from 1953 to 1971, has died at the age of 77. He was previously assistant master at Christ's Hospital.

Carey's qualities of eccentric competence, energy, dependability and his whimsical musings, whisky in hand, around the fire of an evening will be treasured by his friends.

He was born in Sherborne and died there, but it was the philanthropic principles of Christ's Hospital and its vision of education that were nearest to his heart.

His wife, Mary, and their two sons survive him.

Sverre Riisnaes, who served as Justice Minister in the puppet Quisling government of Norway during the Second World War, died on June 29, at the age of 90.

Unlike Quisling himself, Riisnaes escaped the firing squad after the Allied liberation in 1945 by pleading insanity at his trial. He spent 13 years in a mental asylum before being released, and lived out the rest of his life in a suburb of Oslo.

Riisnaes remained unrepentant about his actions.

Half-yearly promotions in the Forces

Royal Navy

The provisional Royal Navy and Royal Marines selections for promotion on the General List to date June 30, 1988, are confirmed with the exception of Lieutenant Commander M. G. Thomas, Royal Navy GL(S) who has declined promotion.

The following provisional selections have been made for promotion to date December 31, 1988.

Seaman

CAPTAIN: M D MacPherson: P E du Vivier: R S Wraith: W M Caswell: G D B Robinson: T M Masterman: J E K Ellis: S E Saunders: P D Barton: S Moore: R J Lippiatt.
COMMANDER. J P Templeton: C A Manning: J Paton: M K Barritt: A S Lawrence: C A Howeson: R H Mitchell: D J Sayer: A T Welch: J A Lister: T J A Forster: C G B Meatyard: R P Steele: A A S Adair: A J G Miller: C H T Clayton: D C M Ferguson: K J Parris: S C Martin: A J D Somerville: T J H Laurence.

Engineering

CAPTAIN: H A Highton: B P Toft: R A Hirst. S M Tickner: A P Masterton-Smith. K R G Bailey: A J H Burbridge: F B Mungo.
COMMANDER: R D Harbroe-Bush: R P Siemon: J Long: R W Allen: R J Butler: P M Egerton: P V Hunt: R Madge: N L P Bernier: T R Chapman: J R Townsend. G H Fabian: B Wallis: R L Warne: A B Hoskins: P Woodings: J B H Binns: W D M Fairbairn: D P Guy.

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CAPTAIN: S Lyons: T A W Lewis.
COMMANDER: C C G Sharp: C M Cole: M Gill: M E C Brown: J A Strain: P H Talham: P A Jackson.

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Medical

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SURGEON COMMANDER: R Adley: R H Taylor: T J R Francis: R J Clark.

Dental

SURGEON CAPTAIN(D): R S Hambly
SURGEON COMMANDER(D): M W Weston: S D B Taylor.

Royal Marines

COLONEL: R A Hooper.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: M R L Ward: N M Hall.
MAJOR: V N Rowe: W M McDermott: S F J Hollington.

Royal Naval Reserve

The following provisional selections have been made for promotion to date September 30, 1988.

Seaman

CAPTAIN: P S Albertini: D A Carr: C J P Hall: P A Woods.
COMMANDER: J H P McFadyen: C J Roberts: F J Steele: J C F Stoy.

Engineering

COMMANDER: R C Berryman.

NCS branch

CAPTAIN: D G MacDonald.

Dental

SURGEON COMMANDER(D): D M Higgs.

Medical

SURGEON COMMANDER: J Maitland.

Women's Royal Naval Reserve

CHIEF OFFICER: M T Cooper.
FIRST OFFICER: M Ewers: L W Moffat: S A Newcombe: A J Roberts: R T Whitehorn.

Royal Air Force

The Ministry of Defence announces the following RAF Promotions, all effective from July 1.

Air Rank Promotions

Air Commodore to Air Vice-Marshal
D O Crwys-Williams: J H Harris.
Group Captain to Air Commodore
B B Batt: A J Park: M J Gibson: P Dodworth: R P O'Brien: T G R Osborn. W McC Rae: I D MacFadyen: R B Duckett: A J Lowery: J B Main: V B Howells.

General Duties Branch

Wing Commander to Group Captain
A A Nicholson: P N Presland: B D Betterton: K B Moore: J H Thompson: I M Stewart: B E A Pegnall: M J Cunningham: J C French.
Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
R J Ouston: D McL Paton: P J Wrighton: D P E Straw: A B Wight-Boycott: C P Aber: I M Johnson: G R Agnew: R W D Trotter: G J Goodman: P S Owen: J J White: N B Spiller: D M Jones: C P Collins: P J Robbie: D K L McDonnell: R G Thompson: A P T Main: G A Coop: A P N Lambert: R M Thomas: D W Rees: N R Wood: R W Joseph: M Prissick: A M Morris: T C Hewlett: N E L Beresford: M C Mann.
Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader
P A Bouch: I R Gillespie: M R Bradstock-Smith: I Weir: D L Mooney: M J D Miall: J I Gardener: A C W Boxall: J B Barnard: J F French: K G Wood: P D Locke: T J Oswald: J R Potter: M C Starling: T P Conlon: R H Blackburn: M H Jukes: A M J Davy: M K Farmer: J E Robinson: R D Fallon: R Ankerson: P J Gill: T R Paxton: P D Williams: E C Alexander: R W Davies: M M Pollitt: J C Essery: A P Thornthwaite: D H Patterson: D C Reid: P Smith: R J Bennett: J C Vincent: G A Wardell: J A Hill: M C Lawton: L J C Forbes: H Prissick: A S Gallacher: A M Bone: A J N W Smyth: J N Dart: P M O'Meeghan: R Pools: S B J Barber: P J DMason: A J Bateman: T J Kerss: J Stinton: J A J Rimmer: S W Turner: A F Walker: M F Mahoney: J Whittingham: T P McWilliams: H G Geddes: J M N Ponsonby: S G Williams: D Shaw: G R R Porter: I Morris: A Golledge: C M I Barker: A P Thursley: K R Cowieson: G J Crawford: T J Davidson: R G Bees: N W Willey: A K Cairncross: L Carside-Beattie: D G Froggatt: S Randles: E Heap: M McDonald.

General Duties (Ground) Branch

Wing Commander to Group Captain
J H Churchill: N J Buckley.
Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
A R Garland: G W House: R S Curtis: A Turner: P R Carter: T A Davison: W J Vant.
Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader
E E Webster: B T Williamson: J R Clipsham: M P G Littlehales: C N Romney: I S Middleton: B J R Hawkins: J Leckey: P M Wood WRAF: A Bartlett: N M Warrick: S L Buist.

Photographic Interpretation Branch

Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
N M Evans.
Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader
R A W Wilkins: A M Bouchard.

Engineer Branch

Wing Commander to Group Captain
I T Nicoll: K J McPhee: J S Jones: A B MacKichan: A M J O'Neill: P C Ayee: P W Henderson: D M Anderson.
Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
A O Wright: D Diamandopoulos: D Whitaker: P F W Hutchins: C R S Wood: A J C MacLachlan: P N Robinson: B J R Nelson: G Cole: G W Cunningham: M C Frith: J R Moffat: P R Woolford: G S F Booker: J MacKreath: D D Allan: S B Schofield: D A Hobart: J B Hastings.
Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader
C E Whitehead: J Gray: M L Willoughby: R T Dixon: A C Gates: A S G Mackay: P S Lamble: R I Taylor: I A MacPherson: J M Hamilton: M L Boyles: S M Richards: D N Ruddlesden: R E Tillbrook: D C Hume: J H Bailey: P A Webb: R W Jennings: E L Dawes: G H Harris: V J Rice: A R Hannaby: M F Dixon: K W Flitcroft: F Tutin: W B Lee: M J L Oddey: J McCourt: G H Binfield: R A Laybourn: S J Hands: T Latham: A F Hatten: C I G Cadogan.

Supply Branch

Wing Commander to Group Captain
R Dixon: J MacI Drysdale.
Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
P C Knight: T Rowe: P B Morrell.
Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader
J Bell: N W Cromarty: A B Swift.

Administrative Branch

Wing Commander to Group Captain
H W D Cairns: B Johnson: P M Hall: A W Pritchard: A F Short: P Turley.
Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
M W Humphreys WRAF: A J Bruce: I D L Shore: G Griffiths: S Fraser: A J R Banks: D J Reason: J Hartley: R J G Rymarz: C D Smith: G S Pearson: J Field: C L Sexstone: K D Shaw: P J Brindle: S J Morris: N M MacLeod.
Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader
R Wallis: D C Simpson: M A S Woodberry: C Allison: D G Huggins: M C Kenrick: R J Horne: R E V Clark: A McP Gordon: R Davidson: K G Brackstone: M K Webster WRAF: N G Branston: G E J Stone: A F Gibbs: H J McDonald: A J Everitt: S H Clements: B J Emmett WRAF: G A Jermy: D J Richardson: A D Simpson: E A H Webb: M N Bamford: A J Neighbour: I Harvey: A R Gray: C H Morris: C B Campbell: S J Poyntz: J H Sharpe.

Security Branch

Wing Commander to Group Captain
E C Williamson.
Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
B M Ramsley: A F Graveley: D Sharples: S C Fuller: R C Moore.
Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader
P R Bird: P J J Hutchison: P J Driscoll: A D C Cameron: P W Jones: I Priestley: I P Jenkins.

Medical Branch

Wing Commander to Group Captain
H A Weber.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service

Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
A M Orr: V M Hand: R H Williams.

Medical Technician Branch

Squadron Leader to Wing Commander
A R Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

"I (Wisdom) lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgement."
Proverbs 8.20

BIRTHS

ARCHER - On June 26th, 1988, Westminster Hospital, to Amanda (née Nixon) and Hugh, a daughter.

BALDWYN - On June 23rd, to Kathryn and Tony, a daughter, Grace, a sister for James.

BARBER - On June 28th, at Poole General Hospital, to Linda (née Thurston) and Philip, a daughter, Kate Louise.

CLAUSEN-THUE - On June 7th 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Alison (née Farrar) and David, a daughter, Victoria Aymée, a sister for Philip.

COTTRELL - On 30th June 1988 at the Portland Hospital, London W1 to Fiona and Mark, a daughter.

CROUCH - On June 25th, 1988 to Peter and Elaine (née Bayliss) in Banbury, a daughter, Lauren Emma.

DAVIES - On 29th June 1988 to Jane (née Aubrey-Fletcher) and Jonathan a son James Robert.

ELLIS - On June 26th, to Virginia (née Curtis) and Simon, a son Thomas Edward.

FORMAN - On Tuesday June 14th, to Georgina (née Curzon) and Richard, a son, Hadleigh.

GILLS - On June 29th, to Liz (née Cartwright) and Nick, a son, a brother for Edward and Olivia.

HOLMES - On June 17th, to Alexandra (née Bicknell) and Robin, a daughter Rosanna, a sister for Edward and Timothy.

LLOYD - On June 18th, to Jane (née Ogilvie) and Richard, a daughter, Anna Rose, a sister for Sophia and Fiona.

O'HEGARTY - On June 29th, at St George's Hospital, London, to Amanda (née Drewett) and James, a daughter, Charlotte Lucy.

PRESTAGE - On June 24th at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, to Karen and John, a daughter, Amelia Jane Eloise, a beautiful sister for Alexander.

SCOTT - On June 22nd, at Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, England, to Dinah (née Snowdon) and Alastair, a daughter, Lucy Olivia.

SILVER - On June 29th 1988, at the Jersey General Hospital, to Celina and Antony, a daughter, Jessica Amy.

TETLEY - On June 28th 1988, to Georgina (née Lazenby) and David, a son, Jack Edward Charles, a brother for William.

DEATHS

CHADWICK - On Wednesday June 29th, peacefully at home, Thomas Herbert Chadwick, beloved husband of Bea and much loved father of Michael, Ann and Peter. Adored by his lovely grandchildren Narissa, Anna, Matthew, Edward, Lucy and Hannah. Funeral Wednesday 6th July at 2.30 pm, at Holy Trinity, Little Amwell, Hertford Heath, Hertford. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Hospice Care (Macmillan Nurses) Isabel Wing, Douglas Tibe House, Hall Grove, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 4PH.

DITCHMAN - On June 26th, 1988, Dorothy, peacefully in the Whittington Hospital. Loved by family and friends. Cremation at 11.30 am Tuesday, July 5th at St Marylebone.

EMERY - On June 28th, in Paris, Victor Emery, Colonel de l'Armée de l'Air Française (en retraite), Commandant de la Légion d'Honneur, Croix de Guerre 1939-45, beloved husband of Anna (née Archibald) and much loved father of Liliane Edwardes-Ker and grandfather of Charles and Caroline Edwardes-Ker.

FELLOWS - On June 29th, peacefully at home, Betty. Sadly missed by loving husband Geoffrey, daughters Julia and Jennifer. Funeral service on Tuesday July 5th, at Bushbury Crematorium at 12.30. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers for the NSPCC c/o Thomas Ely & Sons Funeral Directors, Ely House, Somerford Place, Willenhall 0902 605091.

FOSTER - On June 29th 1988, peacefully after a long illness, Rosemary Lucia, aged 69. Beloved wife of Neil, mother of Alexander and Rosanne. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Whittlebury, Towcester on Monday July 4th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Nene Group Riding for the Disabled Association, c/o National Westminster Bank, Towcester, Northants.

GIBSON - On June 29th 1988, suddenly at his home in Cheltenham, Frederick Baxter Gibson. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium on Wednesday July 6th, at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

[illegible] - On June 28th, Edmund, drowned. Son of Christopher and Linda. Funeral private. Posies [illegible], or from Lalage Barran, 01-[illegible], or donations to Royal Brompton Hospital.

GULLY - On June 28th 1988, after a short illness at Torbay Hospital, 'Bill' William George, beloved husband of Peggy, dear father of Jimmy, Mollie, Rodney and Chris. Sadly missed by his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service at All Saint's Church, Torre, Torquay, at 2.15pm Tuesday July 5th, followed by cremation. Flowers to Torbay and District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay.

JOHNSTON - On June 28th peacefully at home, James M.C., M.B.Ch.B., F.F.A.R.C.S., aged 71 years of Dobcroft Rd, Sheffield. The dearly loved husband of Peggy and loving father of Jane, Hamish, Roderick, Michael and David. Requiem Mass at 10am on Monday July 4th at St William's Church, Ecclesall Rd, followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood crematorium at 11am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to the Cardiac Research Unit, Northern General hospital, Sheffield.

KELLY - On June 30th, peacefully at Noble's Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man, after illness borne with courage and wry humour, William Kelly, Chartered Quantity Surveyor, formerly of Lytham St. Anne's and Bolton, beloved husband of Phyl and uncle of John, David, Peter, Edna and Robert. Funeral at Douglas Crematorium on Wednesday July 6th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to St. Bridget's Hospice, Kensington Road, Douglas. Enquiries to E. Faragh Limited, 6 Main Road, Onchan, Douglas 0624 73109.

LYE - On June 29th peacefully at home after a long illness courageously borne, Gerald Roy (Gerry). Beloved husband of Grace and father of Jennie and Richard. Late of the National Westminster Bank. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Wednesday July 6th at 12.30pm. Flowers or donations if desired to British Lung Foundation c/o L. Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8ND.

MURRAY - On 29th June, peacefully at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, Walter Alexander (Paddy) formerly of Glendaragh, Tavistock Road, Plymouth. Beloved husband of Pam, dearest father of Biddy, Vicky, Simon and Anthony and wonderful grandfather of Alice, Charlotte, Alexander, Tom and Emily. Devoted and much loved doctor in Plymouth for 40 years. Funeral Tuesday July 5th. Service at St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth at noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations made payable to The Maternity Fund, Freedom Fields Hospital, may be sent to Walter Parson, The Firs, 702 Budshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth. Tel: 0752 767676

NIGHTINGALE - On June 18th, at Mavalan Rest Home, Clacton, Phillis Edith aged 86, formerly of Ilford, Chigwell and Findon Valley Worthing. Widow of Mervyn Armond and loving mother of Trevor. Funeral at City Of London Crematorium on Friday July 8th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Bennett's Funerals Ltd. Tel: 0277 210104.

ORIGO - On June 26th 1988, at La Foce, Marchesa Iris Origo DBE, wife of the late Marchese Origo.

PLANT - On June 24th 1988, at her home in Sheffield, Vera, a daughter of the late William and Alice Driver, widow of Thomas Plant of Leicester. Funeral private, according to her wishes. Service of Thanksgiving, St Peter's Church, Ellesmere, Sheffield, July 17th at 3pm.

PRUDHOE - On Monday June 27th 1988, after an illness fought with courage and determination, Robert John Prudhoe. Loving husband of Diana, devoted father of Nigel and Victoria. Much respected Managing Director of Collingwood of Bond St. Limited. Funeral will be held at East Hampstead Park Crematorium, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, Berkshire on Monday July 4th at 11.30am. Flowers to J.B. Hall, 27 Denmark Street, Wokingham, Berkshire.

SPAGNOLETTI - On Monday June 27th 1988, at the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Charles Melville Della Diana, aged 86 years. Funeral at 2.30 pm, Tuesday July 5th at Four Elms Parish Church, near Edenbridge, Kent. Flowers to S. Smith & Sons, 127 Lingfield Road, Edenbridge, Kent. Tel: (0732) 862117.

WILLIAMS - On June 28th, suddenly, Dr David Gerald of Aylsham, Norfolk aged 42 years. Loving husband of Anne and devoted father of Helen and Fiona. Funeral at 1.45pm on Wednesday July 6th at St Michael's Church, Aylsham. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for The Cottage Hospital, c/o Duckers, Aylsham.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

GATES - Captain Alfred William Gates M.C. in memory of my uncle killed on the Somme July 3rd 1916, never found. Only his name remains on the Thiepval Memorial - A.W.G.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CHISHOLM-ARCHIBALD - In loving memory of my father, will be sadly missed by Karen, Davie and Erica. God bless you Dad - Andrew.

MAYHEW - Kenneth Rowland, 1st July 1983. Forever remembered, with love.

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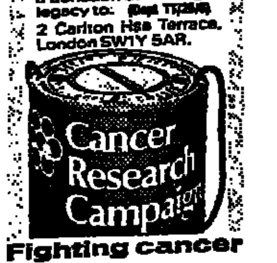

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Dated this 23 day of June 1988
Keith David Goodman FCA
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Dated this 23rd day of June 1988
Keith David Goodman, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (Second Floor), London W2 6LF, on Monday the 11th day of July 1988 at 12 o'clock for the purposes provided for in Sections 98 et seq.
Keith D Goodman, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 8th day of July 1988
dated the 23rd day of June 1988
A Wood - Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 003726 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (U.K.) LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF OXFORD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition was on 21st June 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice (in England) (Chancery Division) by the above-named Colonial Life Insurance Company (U.K.) Limited ("CLICO") for the sanction of the Court under Section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to a Scheme ("the Scheme") providing for the transfer to Oxford Life Assurance Company Limited ("Oxford") of the long term business (as defined in Schedule 1 to the said Act) of CLICO and for an order making ancillary provision in connection with the said transfer under Section 50 of the said Act.
Copies of the said Petition, the Scheme and of a report by an independent actuary in pursuance of the said Section 49 may be inspected at the offices specified in the Schedule hereto during normal business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this notice
The Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, England, on Monday the 25th July 1988. Any person (including any employee of CLICO or Oxford) who claims that he or she would be adversely affected by the Scheme may appear at the time of the said hearing in person or by Counsel. Any person who intends so to appear, and any policyholder of CLICO or Oxford who dissents from the Scheme but does not intend so to appear, should give not less than two clear days' prior notice in writing of such intention or dissent and of the reasons therefor to the Solicitors named below.
Copies of the documents referred to above will be furnished by such Solicitors to any person requiring them prior to the making of an order sanctioning the Scheme on payment of the prescribed charge therefor.
Dated this 1st day of July 1988
Osmond Gaunt & Rose
Furnival House
14-18 High Holborn
London WC1V 6BX
Solicitors for CLICO and Oxford
THE SCHEDULE: Before referred to:
(1) Furnival House, 14-18 High Holborn, London WC1V 6BX - (the offices of the Solicitors CLICO and Oxford).
(2) 37-39 Great Marlborough Street, London W1V 2AU - (the principal place of business of Oxford).

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 003507 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF CENTURY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF OXFORD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982

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Copies of the said Petition, the Scheme, and a Report by an Independent Actuary in pursuance of the said Section 49 of the said Act may be inspected at each of the offices specified in the Schedule hereto during normal business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this Notice.

The Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London on Monday the 25th day of July 1988. Any person (including any employee of Century and Oxford who claims that he or she would be adversely affected by the Scheme) may appear at the time of the said hearing in person or by Counsel. Any person who intends so to appear, and any Policyholder of Century and Oxford who dissents from the Scheme but does not intend so to appear should give not less than two clear days' prior notice in writing of such intention or dissent and of the reasons therefor to the Solicitors named below.

Copies of the documents referred to above will be furnished by such Solicitors to any person requiring them prior to the making of an Order sanctioning the Scheme on payment of the prescribed charge for the same.
Dated this 1st day of July 1988
Compton Carr
6 Dyers Buildings, Holborn,
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Solicitors for Century and Oxford
THE SCHEDULE Before referred to
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London W1V 2AU
(the Registered Office of Oxford and Principal Place of Business of Century)
NORTHERN IRELAND
3rd Floor
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Belfast BT1 5BQ
(the Registered Office of Century)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY NO. 2822 OF 1987
THOMAS PATRICK MURPHY
OF 231 PEACH ROAD, LONDON W10
A SELF EMPLOYED CARPENTER

I, John Parry Richards, chartered accountant of Touche Ross & Co. 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been appointed and certified by the Department of Trade as Trustee in the above matter.
All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the Estate must deliver them to me and all debts due to the Estate must be paid to me.
Creditors who have not proved their debts must forward their proof of debt to me, John Parry Richards.
JP RICHARDS
Trustee
(Ref: 4789G/PMA)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MEETING
CONVENED PURSUANT TO
S 48 INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SHAFTSBURY MARKETING LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

A meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW, on 19th July 1988 at 11.30 a.m. to receive a report of the Joint Administrative Receivers under S.48(2) and to consider whether a Committee of Creditors should be established under S.49 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
A creditor is entitled to vote at the meeting only if:
(a) Written details of the claim are given to the Joint Administrative Receivers before noon on 18th July 1988 and the claim has been admitted for voting purposes
(b) Any proxy for use at the meeting has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Claims and proxies should be sent to the Joint Administrative Receivers at 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW.
Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
28th June 1988
F. KRANE
for N G ATKINSON
Joint Administrative Receiver
Enc
(Ref: 4846G/cmm)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
INSOLVENCY RULE 1986
Rule 6 124 (1)
IN THE SHREWSBURY COURT No. 14 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF GERRARD VANCE RAMSELL - IN BANKRUPTCY

Notice is hereby given that on 27th May 1988 Melvyn Laurence Rose F.C.A. F.C.C.A. of Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Trustee of the above-named Estate.
Dated this 20th day of June 1988
Melvyn Laurence Rose F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
Trustee

THE ARTS

John Russell Taylor on some more satisfying exhibitions than the Biennale to see in Venice this summer

Smaller is beautiful

Cutting coats to suit cloth is not perhaps the most inspiring programme for any artistic event, for who is going to be thrilled at the notion of playing safe? It is likely to produce, and has in the **43rd Venice Art Biennale** (until September 25), results at once decent and dull.

However, for habitués of the institution, there is a lot to be said for taking a little dullness as the price of decency. The theme show, with the anodyne label "Quality and Actuality", *which could mean* anything or nothing, benefited from curtailment compared with *the frantic overspill of two years* ago.

One of the things the theme show fails to demonstrate, unfortunately, is that quality persists reliably into the immediate present: most of the new masters of the Eighties given a room each (*Chia, Clemente, Lüpertz, Kounellis*, for instance) evince either stagnation or lack of direction in their latest work.

The shining exception is Cy Twombly, who has stopped, except in one solitary piece, scribbling inscriptions on his canvases, and instead taken to wonderfully atmospheric landscape painting, mostly in greens and whites, which at first glance renders his work unrecognizable but then confirms an extraordinary new flowering of his talent.

Of the national pavilions, again the best all-round display is the *British, devoted to the sculpture of* Tony Cragg. *Ideally it could do* with more space around it, but the imaginative quality of the work, the excellence of the catalogue and the sensitivity of the arrangement, *really radiate quality.*

Cragg also is an artist who has undergone a spectacular self-renewal of late: there is one wall-piece of found plastic fragments to remind us, *but most of the* works included suggest an enormous widening of range both in the subject-matter and in the techniques, which include casting, modelling, carving *and turning* stone and wood into unexpected and wholly convincing shapes.

Strangely enough, the other single most distinguished pavilion is the Soviet. Strangely because it has nothing to do with the Biennale's slant in favour of the *most up-to-the-minute in art.*

Instead, the Russians present a museum-quality tribute to the *memory of Aristarch* Lentulov (1882-1943), who, though by no means one of the most advanced artists of his era, was until *glasnost* one of the Great Unmentioned.

A big disappointment is the *American pavilion, devoted to* Jasper Johns, going back to the early Seventies and coming right up to date. Alas, it seems to show a progressive enfeeblement of the creative impulse: in the recent works there is still some elegance, but the workmanship is quite *rough-and-ready.*

The West German pavilion, given over to Felix Droese, is *entitled "The House of Weaponlessness", curiously since the ma*jor effect is one of sledge-hammer blows and a determination to *trample over our sensibilities in a* series of coarse cut-outs and roughly-hewn chunks of wood.

Elsewhere, wood emerges as the most sympathetic material. Two *in the* Japanese *pavilion* who carve it – Katsura Funakoshi, who makes elaborately naturalis*tic painted human figures*, and Shigeo Toya, who produces a forest of conventionalized trees from blocks of solid wood – are both quite fascinating.

There is also a little interesting *painting around.* The Yugoslav, Janez Bernik, has a finely conceived and executed series based *primarily on the Crucifixion* and Deposition. The Icelandic Gunnar Orn faintly resembles a Nordic *John Bellany, with his* mythological images of half-human half-birds or half-fish.

How about the avant-garde? Difficult to tell how, these days, *such a thing might manifest itself.* Offensiveness is evident in the Brazilian pavilion, where the tent-like structures with which, apparently, Juraci Doria has been scattering the backwoods of his native land are surrounded by genuine cow-pats in such profusion that they can be approached comfortably only by those equipped with gas-masks.

There are several artists who create total environments. Claude *Viallat* hangs the French pavilion with colour variations of a basic shape, endlessly repeated, so that *it looks like a wallpaper* showroom.

Guillaume Bijl makes the Belgian pavilion look like an Ideal Homes display, c.1947, pursuing *his* technique of reproducing everyday scenes (an employment office, a stand in a trade fair) *exactly but in slightly alien* surroundings. Poul Gernes in the Danish pavilion at least is without affectations a decorator, and his painted schemes in hospitals and such would no doubt be genuinely cheerful and uplifting.

It is quite a relief to head back into Venice proper, where a number of *independent delights* await.

First and foremost, **Mexican Art before Columbus**, *at the* Palazzo Ducale until September 4, is another wonderful example of the Olivetti way with mounting exhibitions. It is a display of the utmost elegance and refinement, *and an immaculate* selection of pre-Columbian sculpture, mostly from Mexico's Museum of Anthropology, which leaves most visitors wondering why nothing *on show in the Giardini* has even a fraction of the same conviction and effortless mastery of form.

At the Ca' Pesaro until August 21 is a totally charming retrospective of **Federico Zandomeneghi** (1841-1917), *Italian in Paris and close friend of* Degas. He obviously loved the eternal female in all shapes and *forms*, and had a peculiar mastery of touch in the delicate and feathery pastel, to such an extent that many even of his oil paintings look from a short distance like pastels.

At the Palazzo Grassi the blockbuster tendentiously devoted to **The *Phoenicians*** *continues* until the end of September, and the Galleria della Fondazione Bevilacqua la Masa has until August 18 a well-deserved retrospective of **Licini**, a sort of Italian cross between Miró and Klee.

His work, delightful but un*mistakably minor, is* relentlessly aggrandized in a succession of catalogue essays on the iconology *and semiology of his work*, as though Italian art historians have collectively lost altogether their *sense of proportion.*

GALLERIES

Venice Biennale/ The Art of Mexico before Columbus
Palazzo Ducale

Federico Zandomeneghi
Ca' Pesaro

Licini
Fondazione Bevilacqua la Masa

GRAZIANO ARICI

Tony Cragg's work "Policeman" fails to hold a viewer at the Biennale

Plagued by food

THEATRE

Greek
Wyndham's

Eight years after its fringe première, Steven Berkoff's cockney Oedipus returns in style, with a West *End revival and as the libretto of* Mark-Anthony Turnage's opera at the Munich Biennale (reviewed last Saturday by Hilary Finch).

According to your cultural loyalties, you could describe this *piece as an exercise in mythic* transgression (as recommended by Grotowski), or as the act of a graf*fiti-spraying vandal. Either* way, Berkoff would probably agree.

If he has put the skids under Sophocles *with on-stage violence* and an unstoppable avalanche of four-letter words, *he draws the* line at the real Sophoclean atrocity. After all he has gone through, *Eddy decides that incest is by no* means the worst thing in the world; so, instead of putting his eyes out, *he heads back home to* carry on as a flourishing cafe proprietor with a rapturous sex-life.

This strikes me as an entirely sensible decision, and a promising subject for comedy, which in part *Berkoff's production supplies*. Sad to say, the piece also has a message for Britain.

We are in the grip of a plague: as evidenced by child abuse, abortion, and the poor quality of restaurant food. Berkoff shows an obsessive interest in food: it is appropriate that his runaway hero strikes it rich by taking over a fly-blown cafe and banishing greasy chips and cardboard pies in favour of sausages containing real meat.

It is here, though, that the myth gets into a twist. First Berkoff identifies the cafe as Eddy's kingdom; then we discover that, not withstanding the greatly improved sausages, the plague is continuing unabated in the surrounding streets.

As a fable, *Greek* nose-dives into incoherence: and its text, irrepressibly fertile in cockney Shakespearean catalogues of disgust and horror, turns to mush whenever it attempts the expression of love.

Berkoff's production, as ever, is *as scrupulously disciplined* as a karate display; with beautifully organized pantomimes of bleary *commuters and pub rowdies*. Georgia Brown makes a lovely meal of the text.

But Berkoff remains the only pantomime artist on stage. Whatever he presents, from a panting *rat to a snorting coffee dispenser*, is as the sketch of a master draughtsman. Energetically as Bruce Payne and Gillian Eaton accompany him, they remain actors and nothing more.

Irving Wardle

DONALD COOPER

Master sketcher: Steven Berkoff

DONALD COOPER

Zest, vigour and ripe voiced effectiveness: Claudio Desderi (Falstaff), Felicity Palmer (Mistress Quickly)

Intimate musical feast

OPERA

Falstaff
Glyndebourne

Bernard Haitink chose exceedingly well to make *Falstaff* the *occasion of his farewell to Glyndebourne* as the company's musical director. There is, quite simply, no opera *better suited to this house*, not only because the settings and the revisited Tudor of the libretto *chime with the gardens and archi*tecture, but also because the scale of the theatre makes possible the *intimate, complicit performance* this piece demands: in Verdi's comedy the audience is always in *on the joke, and* at Glyndebourne this shared quality of the humour can be achieved without the hefty *nudging that often seems to be* necessary elsewhere.

At least, that can happen when Peter Hall is the producer. After a rather uncertain beginning to his proposed Verdi cycle here, he produces a *Falstaff* leaving absolutely no cause for concern, partly because it has such splendid sets designed by John Gunter: this is the team that gave Glyndebourne its marvellous *Albert Herring* of a few seasons back, and again the success is that of a decor of a *wonderful plausibility* and detail.

A side-theme of the production is the profitability of Ford's mer*cantile enterprise*, so that there are ships in the Thames, model vessels hanging from the ceiling of the Ford house and Turkish carpets and china on display there too. But there are also many other delights for the eye, whether in the topiary of the Ford garden, the *moonlit beauty of Herne's oak*, or the hanging banners and other evidence of a dusty knight errantry in Falstaff's establishment.

All this places around Sir John the shadowy outlines of a Don Quixote, but in this production he is also very definitely Don Juan. The prayer books carried by the ladies and Doctor Caius gain their point in the final scene when they are thrust scoldingly at Falstaff while semi-naked devils with pitchforks leap over him.

However, the moral is not heavily made, and the main stabilization of the comedy comes from a seriousness about the underlying emotions. In this regard the scene where Alice and Meg read their letters is particularly good: they are neither of *them quite sure how genuinely the* other is touched, nor indeed how much they feel themselves, but then twice, after a mounting earnestness, the situation tumbles over into laughter, exactly as the music would have it.

Not only does this interpretation seem to follow naturally from the score (like so much that Hall does), it also becomes reasonable when *this Falstaff is not altogether* an impossible proposition as a lover. As Claudio Desderi told *John Higgins here* on Tuesday, he had given the role a rest for a while before this production, and perhaps because of that he is able to return to it with infinite zest and vigour: *he obviously so much en*joys himself, as any Falstaff must.

He also reveals how very lyrical a part this is, and again it is the scale of the auditorium that makes possible the performance where so much, particularly in the first scene, is delivered on the gentlest breath, helping to bring out the nature of Falstaff as Quixote. But this is not at the expense of his aspect as Don Juan: Desderi thoroughly relishes the sexual appetite of the man and makes his advances seem a real threat. Of such a one, Ford might well be jealous.

His jealousy is also more than justified by the gloriously-sung and laughing performance of Yvonne Kenny as his wife, a major achievement, as is Anne Howells's luscious and characterful Mistress Page, *while Felicity Palmer is an* effective, ripe-voiced Mistress Quickly. Given also a bright Nan*etta, from Eva Lind, the quartet of* ladies is superbly accomplished and witty.

But this is altogether an excellent cast. Robert McFarland could perhaps manage more vari*ety of tone in his stern Ford*, and possibly there were a few too many moments of unsupported head voice in the young Gianluca Sorrentino's attractively sung Fenton, but these were mere details.

The important thing – and it *owes a lot to the confidence*, clarity and not least the coolness of Haitink's conducting, not forcing *the hilarity* – is that Glyndebourne has a magically alive production, which does justice to the feelings preserved and overturned in the turmoil of good humour.

Paul Griffiths

Richard Morrison meets Michael Finnissy, composer featured in the Almeida Festival

Certain doubt

It is apt that Paris should have heard Michael Finnissy's first opera before London. The 42-year-old composer writes music which, *at its best*, is both nakedly emotional and intensely complex, and he is not the first English composer to find these qualities more widely appreciated on the Continent than here.

This summer, however, Finnissy is at large in London. The opera, *The Undivine Comedy*, is at the Almeida Theatre (which commissioned it) on Sunday, as the centrepiece in a mini-festival of Finnissy, which includes him playing his own explosive piano pieces as no one else can. And at the Proms his new orchestral piece, *Red Earth*, receives its first performance.

The eclectic Finnissy is as likely to gain inspiration from aboriginal culture as from early 19th-century Polish literature. *The Undivine Comedy* is based on the surreal *Nie-Boska Komedia*, by Zygmunt Krasinski.

Finnissy took a year simply to fashion it into a libretto, compressing its large cast into an opera for just five singers and nine players, and adding quotations from Hölderlin and the Marquis de Sade for good measure. "A Polish scholar would probably say I've done violence to the original. But it is a salon play, rather like Byron's *Manfred*, so the staging directions are rather wild."

The opera portrays two central figures: an aristocratic poet, egotistically interested only in his own artistic impulses; and a revolutionary leader, equally narrow in vision. Intriguingly, the same woman singer, called The Muse, acts as a kind of sidekick to both men.

"She represents their capacity to succeed, although both get overtaken by their own personal vanities, so they don't succeed."

The work seems deeply pessimistic about revolutions. "That is partly explained by Krasinski's own background," says Finnissy. "His father, a Polish aristocrat, fought in Napoleon's army, then deserted and joined the Tsar's army. That put *him* in trouble with the Poles.

"So I think Krasinski became very disillusioned with militarism and republicanism. Being an ardent Catholic yet also a typical, melancholic, Slavonic thinker, very despairing and nihilistic, he paints the revolution in a bad light.

"But the opera is not completely without hope. I try to tie together the poet's faith, which is religious, to the revolutionary leader's faith – a grassroots socialism – so that eventually they both represent human aspiration."

The piece also clearly examines artistic self-doubt. Was this a factor in Finnissy's choosing it? "It was in fact my first motive. It made all manner of echoes, and I thought I could compose it from the heart."

Finnissy says the musical language is "predominantly quite tranquil and lyrical, to give the characters time to elucidate their ideas, though there are moments of expressionistic violence.

"My earlier pieces were short but highly concentrated. Now I am being asked for longer pieces, this density of information would actually be counter-productive to the audience's comprehension."

Some aspects the audience is not expected to comprehend. Finnissy is a great practitioner of the "encoded message".

"The opera has any number of musical symbols which, if one got to know it well, one could disentangle. That's part of my pleasure in writing the work, and they add a certain richness, a density.

"People may only see the surface of a piece, but seeing the surface and knowing there's something underneath is, I think, more satisfying than seeing a surface and knowing this is all there is."

JOHN ROSS

Pleasure from symbols: Finnissy

Our principle objections

TELEVISION

Great Britain is a civilized country, argued Jean Paul Kaufman, the Frenchman recently released from captivity in Beirut, and if the *British authorities knew of the* conditions under which the hostages were held they would undoubtedly act to free them.

***This Week* (ITV) offered a *report that left Britain in little* doubt as to the ordeal which the hostages have endured for months if not years, but also gave small comfort to their friends and family. *It seems that the supporters of* Terry Waite, John McCarthy and Brian Keenan are likely to remain the only *Britons whose concept of* civilization extends to acting to ensure the hostages' release.**

In this brief half hour the producer, Lorraine Heggessy, presented *all* the new information which Kaufman's release has made available to the Western *media. The programme began with* a dramatic reconstruction of the hostages' lifestyle, they were shown half naked and chained together in a small, windowless, *concrete cell, with a few books* for entertainment and rice and beans to eat.

They have no privacy whatever. There were no allegations of *torture, physical or psychological*, but the method of moving the men from one hiding place to another was *brutal*.

Each hostage was wrapped, mummy-like, in packing tape with only a tiny breathing hole left clear. Each was then crammed into a metal coffin under a van for a journey which might last twelve hours.

Reza Raad, a doctor of Lebanese descent who took part in the French negotiations to free Kaufmann, gave his analysis of the *power balance in Beirut. It was*, he said, like a case with three keys: Syria, the Lebanese pro-Iranian Hezbollah, and Iran. The most important of these was Iran.

***The French had negotiated on* all three fronts and concluded a deal which involved the repayment of an old debt, the release of an Iranian terrorist, and a timetable *for the restoration of diplomatic* relations between France and Iran.**

Sir Anthony Parsons, the former British ambassador in Tehran, spoke for civilized Britain. The Iranians, he said loftily, had invented *bazaar bargaining* and there was no need for Britain to descend to this level.

Celia Brayfield

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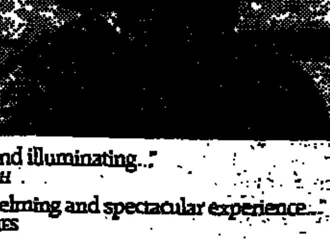

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FRIDAY PAGE

Is child care 'the thalidomide of the 1980s'?

I remember my mother, the day that
we met
A thing I shall never entirely forget;
And I toy with the fancy that, young as
I am
I should know her again if we met in
a tram.
G.K. Chesterton: Songs of Education.

Copies of two reports landed on my desk with a thump this week. One of them said that mothers are sacrificing half their lifetime's potential earnings by having children. The second said that fathers must take greater responsibility for child care. Taken together, these two sum up what is blowin' in the progressive winds of the Commission of the European Community: namely, that women will not be free until there are full and comprehensive child care facilities to look after their children from infancy on; that these facilities are best when administered by the state rather than the marketplace or private child-carers; and that the time has come to "persuade" the fathers of our land to change their role in child-rearing. With some boldness, it seems, the Commission is getting ready to harmonize not only weights, measures and tariffs among EEC members, but also values, attitudes and the New European Father and Mother.

Behind all this lie some truths as well as half truths. The impulse to rearrange gender roles and restructure the family does not quite come out of thin air or the malevolent ambitions of some social scientists. The fact is that in our new post-technological society the traditional divisions of labour between men and women no longer make perfect economic sense, or any other perfect sense. The old system in which women reared children; and men provided for them was a natural construct, and not some arbitrary plot against females, as the feminists mistakenly believe. Similarly, it would be a mistake today to think that the changes being advocated now are simply the arbitrary whims of some people who have got a bee in their bonnet.

All the same, certain questions immediately arise. The ability to put children in day care from a child's early months probably serves the interests of parents very well, but is it in the interests of the children? There are very few longitudinal studies on the effects of taking babies and young children out of the home and placing them in the care of strangers. There are some American studies which suggest this results in difficulties in bonding with natural mothers. Does this matter? I don't know. One study suggested that children taken away from the maternal environment become more aggressive and prone to arguments. If this were true, would it matter? Again, I don't know, but one feels that perhaps these aspects ought to at least be investigated.

BARBARA AMIEL

Curiously enough, they are not discussed in either of the two reports issued this week. The report of Peter Moss, coordinator of the European Community's Child Care Network, and that of Bronwen Cohen of the British Equal Opportunities Commission writing for the European Commission, make recommendations galore for the setting up of structures to monitor, enforce and select child care institutions, but they are unconcerned about the need to research the effects of child care on our children. It brought to mind the rather dire warning of one American social scientist who muttered to me darkly that "child care is the thalidomide of the 1980s".

British child care advocates are worry-free. "Child care has been shown to be beneficial," Bronwen Cohen told me confidently, and drew my attention to a 1987 study. In fact, I was familiar with this study and not at all clear what relevance it had to the question. As it happened, Peter Moss agreed with me: "That study doesn't tell you very much," he said. Still he, like Cohen, had no concern about the American studies. "The American context is weird," he said dismissively. "You can't generalize from one country to another." Neither Cohen nor Moss had any hesitation in citing American studies in favour of child care, although the studies mentioned were of deprived children only. I could hear the ominous buzz of bonnet bees.

Speaking as an amateur, my own guess is that children are most damaged from a feeling of being different from other children. Assuming that day care facilities are run competently, it seems to me that once institutional care is the norm, this particular form of harm would be limited. At the same time, human beings seem to have developed a bond between offspring and immediate family from our earliest days which is species-specific to the human race. Whether children are in some way wired to this, and how being raised outside a family will affect them, is surely one of those imponderables that will require very careful study to answer.

I suppose in the end, what disturbs me the most about reports such as those of Cohen and Moss is the general hubris behind their approach. There is such an arrogant certainty that their assumptions about non-scientific matters like attitudes and values are correct, and need no further study or justification. Moss is all ready to have the European Commission write a Good Practice Guide for Fathers. "Men cannot be forced to change," he writes reassuringly, but the role of fathers "needs to be on political and other agendas". Sanctions, perhaps?

Using the Trojan horse of child care, Cohen and Moss clearly believe they can restructure society and attitudes. While Moss is reworking the traditional dad, Cohen wants higher priority on anti-sexism and anti-racism training for the under-fives. No doubt gender roles need to be re-examined, but in so far as the changes are necessary and sensible, society will naturally adopt them. To speak of such matters as if they were the hard sciences, and to hasten and enforce changes, seems perilously close to the spirit of totalitarianism where the social engineers of the state permeate previously inaccessible areas of citizens' lives.

"I'm aiming to give women the choice they have in Sweden," Moss explained to me. "We have no choice," counters Katerina Runske, head of the independent Family Campaign Foundation in Stockholm. "You can't support a family on one salary in Sweden today. If I stay home the state will give me eight crowns a day, which isn't enough for the milk for my three children. If I go to work, the state will pay for the day care and give me 300 crowns a day if I get sick." Of course, while in Sweden it may well be a government policy to make it very difficult to stay at home with the children for ideological reasons, there is some evidence that when a significant number of women move back into the labour market, prices adjust to the double income and inflation results.

What finally puzzles me the most about these reports is the lack of concern for the ecosystems of human beings. People go on such wonderful crusades to protect the natural habitat of every single species of insect or animal. But the same people who recoil in horror at the thought that a species may disappear from the wild, and only be hand-reared in artificial conditions, seem indifferent to the plight of the family. Our social engineers are moving unobstructed to replace the uncertainty of the jungle with the deadly certainty of the zoo.

But mother is happy in turning a crank
That increases the balance at
somebody's bank;
And I feel satisfaction that mother
is free
From the sinister task of attending
to me.

Season to be jolly

Hardly any dances, precious little champagne and certainly no husband hunting. So why has the list of launching debutantes become longer?

Sally Brompton investigates

This evening, 17-year-old Zara Williams will attend her first ball of the Season. Clad in her brand-new strapless gown, groomed and polished to perfection, she will follow in the dance-steps of her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, taking her place among the social élite.

In the best traditions of high society, Zara is coming out. Yet her attitude to being launched upon the London social scene is very different from that of her ancestors. For one thing, she does not want to be known as a debutante. "A lot of my friends don't know what a debutante is; it has no meaning to people who aren't on the social scene."

As far as Zara is concerned, coming out is better than staying in. And, in that, she appears typical of many of her generation who have caused the Season to be reorganized around A level examinations. Despite the fact that the number of debutantes has risen since last year by 40 per cent after a steady decline since the mid-Sixties, there are still only 172 girls on the official list, almost half as many as in 1966.

Today's debutantes, unlike many of their mothers, are increasingly aware that they are among the privileged minority and, for the most part, they are given the choice to deb or not to deb. It is not uncommon for girls to turn down the opportunity to party the summer away.

The previous generation were not so worldly. As the mother of one of this year's debutantes told me: "When I came out in 1961 all my friends were doing it, so I just assumed it was something that everybody did in the same way that everybody went to church on Sundays and was confirmed at 16. I was so cocooned that it just seemed the natural thing to do."

By contrast, her 18-year-old daughter, Candida, already has her own group of friends "with long hair and who follow bands". Candida regrets not being able to invite them to her coming out cocktail party "because, apparently, it's not the done thing. Somebody told me that there's supposed to be a black list and if you know people with long hair or whatever you don't get invited to anything".

Of the 200 youngsters invited to her party, Candida will know most of the girls and about 40 per cent of the boys whose names her mother got from The List. This coveted document is compiled by the *Tatler's* social editor, Peter Townend, and consists of all the mothers and daughters who have responded positively to his exclusive mail-shot enquiring whether they would like to take part in the coming Season's jollities. The fact that she will know less than half of the boys at her own party bothers Candida not at all. "I'll go up to them and say 'hello, I'm your hostess'. You can meet some interesting people that way."

Perish the thought that today's debs should be husband-hunting as happened in their grandmothers' day. These not-all-that-reluctant debutantes are independent-minded and career-orientated.

The majority of the dances have been replaced with cocktail parties serving white wine, Pimms, Perrier and orange juice or, occasionally, champagne. "People just can't afford dances any more," says Jeryl Smith-Ryland, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, whose 17-year-old daughter, Petra, features on Townend's magic list. She remembers her own mother dismissing cocktail parties as "parties where other people put their cigarette ash in your drink".

MARK PEPPER

Two generations of debutantes: Zara Williams, who will attend her first ball of the Season this evening, with her mother, Ann

> 'Of 60 million people in Britain, 172 girls will do the Season. It's not very important, really'

Mrs Smith-Ryland came out in the early 1950s when the Season was a much more glittering affair, with full-blown dances every night of the week and extravagant country house parties at weekends. In those days, the debutantes were presented to the Queen — a tradition which ended in 1958 — and went through the ritual of the Queen Charlotte's Ball, clad in white and curtsying to a gigantic cake. Ann Williams, who attended in 1960, sums it up in one word: "Dreadful. You really didn't know anybody; and white suits some people but not others. I always wanted to go back in jet black the following year."

It was the era when debutantes did nothing but party for the duration of the Season. "One got to bed with the dawn and got up in time to get dressed and go out again." Mrs Williams recalls. "You went to all four days of Ascot and then, at the end of July, there was Goodwood and then there was Cowes." She still has the 209 invitations she received stuck in an old exercise book. Her daughter has so far been invited to 10 parties.

Cliff Richard and the Shadows played at Mrs Williams's coming out ball at the Wentworth Country Club. Zara's party, to celebrate her 18th birthday and her brother's 21st, will have Juliana's discotheque and be professionally catered in a marquee in the grounds of their Surrey home.

"Petra is not at all fussed about coming out." Mrs Smith-Ryland says with a degree of surprise. "She's more fussed about other things which are more important in life, whereas we didn't go into things very deeply."

Petra, studying for her A levels and hoping to read social anthropology at university, says: "There are 60 million people in Britain, and of them 172 girls are doing the Season. It's not very important, really. I think the whole thing is rather forced and a bit old-fashioned. I wouldn't encourage my own daughters to do it but if they wanted to I'd be very happy because it hasn't affected me at all."

The mothers insist that these days the cost of launching one's daughter can be minimal. "A lot of the girls don't like champagne anyway," I was assured. "They've had it watered down since they were children. Young people are terribly teetotal, although they do seem to smoke like chimneys."

Party frocks are as likely to come from Miss Selfridge as Chelsea Design and matching satin shoes are no longer *de rigueur*. Tickets for the official charity balls cost between £25 and £50 a head for dinner and dancing. Even the mothers appear not to drink, getting through as little as four bottles of wine between 35 of them during a lunch of cold chicken, salad and strawberries. "A lot of people have their daily woman in an apron to help out."

The young men, usually in their early twenties, many of them something in the City, estate agents or still at university, are carefully vetted for long hair and bun-throwing tendencies before being included on The List.

Conscious that they are at a premium and crucial to the success of the Season, the young men throw the mothers into a state of refined panic by replying to their invitations at the last minute. "These young men are jolly lucky to be invited," snorted one. Even so, she admitted that "they may be a bit Hooray Henryish but it's better than breaking car windows with beer cans. A lot of the young go off the rails these days and I think we're more concerned than ever that our children should meet up with people who we know something about."

Father's days

TALKBACK

From Michael Yorke, King's Road, Arkley, Barnet, Herts

Can Lee Rodwell or any of her worthy contributors ("Does he deserve it?", June 17) offer guidance to those hapless fathers who, having made the necessary adjustments to their own professional and social lives, now find their consequently increased presence in the family home a matter of supreme indifference to their children and more than occasional irritation to their spouses?

From Mrs J.D. Shire, Frances Avenue, Maidenhead, Berks

Mike Reed ("Lessons that could be a lifesaver", June 27) suggested some very practical ways of defending yourself when driving alone, particularly at night.

To his list I would also add, always drive with all the car doors locked. I started this routine after a bad experience some years ago when a drunk football supporter pulled open the door of a car in which I was a passenger. It was a very unnerving experience and, as you see, has left a lasting impression.

From Susan Richardson, Littleheath Road, Selsdon, Surrey

May I suggest that the RAC/AA could introduce a radio paging device, specifically for women travelling alone long-distance, to be used in the event of a breakdown. Then women could remain locked in the car until help comes, which should be a preferential, speedy response, possibly with police alert. I am sure that many women would readily pay the extra subscription for this service.

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Good and bad food guides

Should we really swallow all the latest advice on how to feed young children?

Are you sitting comfortably? If you are a parent responsible for feeding young children, then perhaps you shouldn't be.

Dr Miriam Stoppard's new paperback published this week provides a long list of the foods we should avoid giving our children.

They feature many of the staples of the family shopping list including: all commercial breakfast cereals, baked beans, frozen vegetables, sausages, ham, frozen fish products in batter or heavy sauces, beefburgers, sausages, white bread, white pastry, white pasta, white rice, custard powder, cheese spreads and commercially produced fruit yoghurts.

If your child has only just come off the breast, he or she should be weaned straight on to semi-skimmed milk, advises Stoppard. She also suggests that: "For many babies, a favourite food is a teaspoonful of freshly-grated carrot juice, squeezed through a piece of fine muslin."

Despite the fact that children today are bigger, brighter, taller and heavier than they have ever been, there is a wave of anxiety about how we feed them.

In May the Coronary Prevention Group suggested that low-fat diets should begin at the age of two, when children should switch to semi-skimmed milk (though in *fact the CPG is not going* nearly as far in these suggestions as Stoppard).

Next month Thorsons will bring out a paperback by a Welsh schoolmaster, Gwilym Roberts, entitled *Boost Your Child's Brainpower*. A couple of years ago, Roberts organized an experiment which he believes showed that vitamins increased non-verbal intelligence among 12 and 13 year olds. As a result, sales of vitamin pills soared.

But there is considerable concern among nutritionists that parents are being pressured into putting growing children on to adult-style diets. Penny Cowley, spokesman for the British Dietetic Association, was horrified at the thought that mothers might wean babies on to semi-skimmed milk as Stoppard suggests. She said: "When parents look at ways of reducing fat, milk should be right at the bottom of the list because of all the valuable nutrients and energy it contains."

***Rosalind Lowe*, who represents the Health Visitors Association on the DHSS *Committee on Child Nutrition*, said: "I am totally against lists of foods you should avoid — it creates a very narrow mentality. Feeding is not just about nutrition. It is about giving *love and caring and the meal* table should not be turned into a battleground.**

"If I had to follow recommendations like those described in Miriam Stoppard's book, I think I would jump in the river."

Ann Kent

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Feeding Your Family (*Penguin, £3.95*).

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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the *possums*.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 6-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £6.50-£17.50. Ends July 9. (D)

☆ ***THE COMMON PURSUIT:*** *Simon Gray play traces the fortunes of undergraduate friends; splendid cast led by Rik Mayall, John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Gordon Sinclair.*
Phoenix Theatre, *Charing Cross Road,* WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm. £6-£14.50.

☆ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Noel Coward 1926 with Jane How *scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks.*
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8.10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£12.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus, set in East London.*
Wyndham's Theatre, *Charing Cross* Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 5-7.15pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD:** James Quinn as the wise white lawyer in Harper Lee's *best-seller about growing up in Alabama. Based on the Contact* Theatre, Manchester production, directed by Anthony Clark.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich. *Previews tonight and tomorrow 7.45pm. Opens July 4, 7pm, then Mon-Sat* 7.45pm. £4.50-£10.

☆ **ROMEO AND JULIET:** *Touring black Temba Theatre in London for three* weeks.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.15pm, mats Thurs 2pm, £7.50.

☆ **THIS ISLAND'S MINE:** Touching and ingenious play by Gay Sweatshop, brought back for further run. Fine Performances.
Drill Hall, *16 Chenies Street, WC1 (01-*637 8270). Tube: Goodge Street. Tues-Sat 8-10.10pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs £4.50, Fri and Sat £5.

☆ ***TOO CLEVER BY HALF:*** Alex Jennings plays the honey-tongued rascal in Ostrovsky's spirited comedy.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mast Wed 2.30 and Sat 4pm, £4-£14.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ ***The Business of Murder:*** *Mayfair Theatre* (01-629 3036)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ ***Kiss Me Kate:*** Savoy *Theatre (01-836 8888)...* ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 *7913/4)...* ☆ ***Les Misérables:*** *Palace* Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre *(01-839 2244)...* ☆ ***Run For Your Wife:*** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ ***Bare Necessities:*** *Erotic antics on a hyperactive campsite:- the Belgrade lets its, um, hair down!*
Belgrade theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri *and Sat 8pm. £3.50-£6.20.*

MANCHESTER: ☆ ***Born Yesterday:*** *Brenda Blethyn plays the archetypal dumb blonde in a welcome revival of a great comedy.*
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street *(061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, £2.60-£9.50.*

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊻ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): Stephane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

■ ***BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY (18):*** *Michael J Fox, in his first stab at serious drama.* James Bridges directs (107 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.40, 11.45.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE II (PG):** Paul Hogan repeating his role as the king of the outback (112 min).
Cannon Baker Street *(01-935 9772).* Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30, 11.00.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 3.00, 5.45, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.45, 8.30, *11.20.*
⊻ ***Cannon Fulham Road*** (01-370 2636). *Progs* 1.40, 4.20, 7.00, 9.35.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 10.30, 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.00, 1.10.
⊻ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, *6.15, 8.45, 11.00.*

DEADLY PURSUIT (PG): Sidney Poitier returns to the screen after a decade's absence as an FBI veteran teamed with *a backwoodsman in the pursuit of a murderous villain (110 min).*
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.45, 8.25.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). *Progs 2.40, 5.25, 8.15, 11.20.*
Cannon Haymarket *(01-839 1527).* Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.25, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25, 11.15.

HAIRSPRAY (PG): Nutty comedy from director John Waters, America's high priest of bad taste, poking fun at the social habits of Baltimore teenagers in 1962 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea *(01-352 5096). Progs* 2.10, 4.10, 6.50, 9.00.

Society painter

When Thomas Gainsborough (1727-1788) left Ipswich for Bath in 1759 it was a shrewd career move because he gained access to the best of society and had no serious competition. His 15 successful years in the West Country, a period which is now the subject of an exhibition, commemorating the bicentenary of his death, enabled Gainsborough to perfect his act before moving to London and taking on Sir Joshua Reynolds. As the confident portrait of pleasure-seeking actor David Garrick (above) shows, during his Bath phase Gainsborough's stiff youthful style gave way to a more relaxed approach. But throughout his career Gainsborough's first love was landscape, his work in the "curs'd Face Business", as he called it, being a tedious financial necessity. Besides portraits, among numerous landscapes featured in the present show is "The Harvest Wagon", which has been described as one of the greatest British pictures in any genre but which, having failed to sell it, the artist exchanged for a horse when he decamped for London in 1774. *Gainsborough In Bath* starts today at the Holburne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, Bath (0225-66669), Monday to Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 2.30-6pm, £1, until August 14. Two additional bicentenary exhibitions are *Gainsborough: The Printmaker* at The Peter Pears Gallery, Aldeburgh (072885-2935), daily 10am-5pm, £2, until July 3; and *Gainsborough's Family at Gainsborough's House*, Sudbury, Suffolk (0787-72958), Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2-5pm, £1, until September 18.

David Lee

Cannon Haymarket *(01-839 1527). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.30, 8.35, 11.15.*
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.25, 4.25, 6.30, 8.30, 11.15.
⊻ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.20, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10, 11.15.

A HANDFUL OF DUST (PG): James Wilby and Kristin Scott Thomas star in Evelyn Waugh's savage novel (118 min).
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.50, *3.10, 5.40, 8.20.*

■ **PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES (15):** An advertising *executive (Steve Martin) and a shower curtain ring salesman (John Candy) on a nightmare journey from New York to* Chicago (100 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.20.
⊻ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 2.45, 5.00, 7.30, 9.45, 11.45.

SEPTEMBER (PG): Woody Allen in ruminative, Chekhovian mood; with Mia Farrow, *Denholm Elliott, Sam Waterson, Elaine Stritch and Jack Warden as friends and relatives, trying to talk away their frustrations (83 min).*
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00, 11.30.

■ **THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG):** Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg play confirmed bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare *(103 min).*
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30, 11.15.
⊻ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.40, 11.10.

THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN (15): Danny DeVito as a dim-witted adult student who proposes a murderous deal with his frustrated teacher (Billy Crystal) (88 min).
Odeon Leicester Square *(01-930 6111). Progs* 12.15, 2.30, 5.00, 7.30, 10.00, 12.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING (18):** A story of love and political consciousness set against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin (172 min).
Cannon Baker Street *(01-935 9772).* Progs 2.40, 7.10, 10.45.
⊻ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.35.

Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.30, 4.45, 8.00.

■ **WALL STREET (15):** Michael Douglas won an Oscar as the amoral wheeler-dealer; Charlie Sheen co-stars as his naive protégé (126 min).
Cannon Chelsea *(01-352 5096). Progs* 2.25, 5.45, 8.30.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 5.20, 8.00, 11.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). *Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.20.*
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 12.50, 3.20, 5.50, 8.20.

WINGS OF DESIRE (15: Wim Wenders' epic tale of two angels watching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min).
⊻ *Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.00, 3.25,* 6.00, 8.45, 11.15.
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.35, 11.15.

CONCERTS

☆ ***KELLY'S UNDULATIONS:*** The virtuoso saxophonist John-Edward Kelly gives the UK premières of Maros's *Undulations*, Macha's *Plác Saxofonu* and Karkoff's Sonatina, the world première *of Elias's Pythikos Nomos, the London première of* Glasner's Allegro, Cadenza and Adagio. Haba's Suit Op 99 is included, too.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **RARE BOESCH:** Louis Demetrius Alvanis plays Boesch's little-heard Sonata *Op 5, Chopin's Sonata No 3,* Beethoven's Sonata No 8 "Pathétique" and Bach's Partita No 1.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 *(01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.*

☆ **ALL-ELECTRIC:** Richard Gonski conducts the *Electric Symphony Orchestra in fully electrified* performances of Beethoven's Symphony No 5 and Terry Riley's lengthy *In C.*
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Ave, *London EC1 (10-278 8916), 7.30pm,* £3.50-£8.50.

☆ **ALL TCHAIKOVSKY:** The National Symphony Orchestra *is conducted by Anthony Inglis in excerpts from* Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty* and *The Nutcracker,* adding the Violin Concerto (Anna Joseph, soloist) and 1812 Overture with cannon and mortar effects.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, *London* EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5.50-£12.50.

OPERA

☆ **LOHENGRIN:** *No Placido Domingo,* but a strong line-up for revival of Elijah Moshinsky's Wagner production, including René Kollo in the title role, Cheryl Studer, and Gabriele Schnaut. Jeffrey Tate conducts.
Royal Opera House, *Covent Garden,* Lonbon WC2 (01-240 1066), 6.30-11pm, £2-£70.

★ ***FALSTAFF:*** *New production* by Peter Hall as part of Glyndebourne's progressing Verdi series. Claudio Desderi takes the title role and Bernard Haitink conducts.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex *(0273 541111), 5.30-9.55pm, returns* only.

ROCK

★ ***DAVID BOWIE:*** The pale one makes *a brief appearance with Montreal dance* group La La La Human Steps as part of the "Intruders at the Palace" benefit show in aid of the ICA Endowment Fund. Also performing: Kronos Quartet, The Woodentops and *Microdisney.*
Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (01-580 9562) 7.30pm, £10-£25.

☆ ***STATUS QUO:*** *Rocking all over the* Midlands.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 8pm, £9-£10, for two nights.

★ **BROS:** *The teeny-pop sensations,* at No.1 with "I Owe You Nothing", and stimulating much fevered excitement on their debut tour.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 *(01-748 4081)* 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50, *also tomorrow.*

JAZZ

★ **GERRY MULLIGAN:** First of three separate appearances from the festival's composer-in-residence, *guest soloist tonight with the Strathclyde* Youth Jazz Orchestra.
Glasgow Jazz Festival, Mitchell Theatre, Granville Street, (041 221 3198) 8pm, £6.50.

☆ **BROTHERHOOD OF BREATH:** Continuing the "Sounds Good" season, *Chris McGregor's ensemble includes Steve Williamson, Harry Beckett and Julian Arguelles. Support is from Craig Harris's Tailgater's Tales.*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 8pm, £7.

GALLERIES

GEOFF RIGDEN: Recent abstract *paintings.*
Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, 17-18 Great Sutton Street, London EC1 (01-250 1962), Tues-Fri 11-6pm, *Sat-Sun 2-6pm, free, until July 31.*

OTTO DIX: A cycle of etchings on war *themes made in 1923.*
Goethe-Institut, 50 Princes Gate, London SW7 (01-581 3344), Mon-Fri 12-6pm, free, until August 13.

MICHAEL PORTER: Recent, mysterious landscape paintings by a former artist-*in-residence at the National Gallery.*
Fabian Carlsson Gallery, 160 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-409 0619), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until July 23.

SUMMER SALES

TODAY

UOMO REGINE, 80 Brompton Road, SW3 (01-581 5873).
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LIGNE ROSET, 130 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-434 2071).
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for about four weeks.

DESCAMPS, 197 Slonae Street, SW1 *(01-235 6957).*
until end July.

DANCE

☆ **ANOTHER MAN DROWNING:** Janet Smith tragi-comic Lowry ballet features *with recent productions of the final performances of Janet Smith and Dancers, another company drowning for* lack of funds.
Holland Park Open Air Theatre, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-602 7856) 8-10pm £4, £6.

☆ **KATHAK DANCE:** See caption.
The Bhavan Institute of Indian Culture, 4a Castletown Road, *London* W14 (01-381 3086), 7.45pm, £5-£10.

Birju Maharaj (above) partners Saswati Sen in a rhythmical *production at the Bhavan Institue (see listing). Birju is considered to* be the greatest contemporary Kathak dancer in India and has arrived in Britain with a band of accompanying musicians to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Bhavan Institute of Indian Culture. Kathak is the name given to story-telling through dance. Each *of the dances tonight tells a different story from the life of Krisna — the eighth incarnation of* Lord Vishnu. A workshop on Sunday will also be conducted by Birju.

GARDENS

CORNWALL: ***Moyclare:*** Lodge Hill, *Liskeard, off* A38 at Liskead onto B2259 signed Scenic road to Looe. Admission 50p, child free, Suns July 3, 17, Tues July 26, Sun Aug 14, 2.30-5pm.

DURHAM: University of Durham Botanic Garden: 1m from centre of Durham; turn off A167 at Cock O'The *North roundabout towards Durham for* 1m, right into Hollingside Lane. Admission to St Aidan's College 80p, daily 10-4pm.

GLAMORGAN: Mwyndy House: Mwyndy, nr Pontyclun; take junction *34 off M4, ½m along dual carriageway N* towards Llantrisant, right signed Mwyndy Cross. Admission 50p, Sun July 3, 10-5pm.

HEREFORD AND WORCESTER: Eastgrove Cottage Garden Nursery: *Sankyns Green, Shrawley, nr Little Witley, 8m NW of Worcester between* Shrawley on B4196 and Great Witley on A443. Admission 80p, open except Tues and Weds until Oct 31 (closed Aug); 2-*5pm, morning or evening coach parties by appointment.*

HUMBERSIDE: The Croft, North Cave: *Beverley 10m, Hull 15m;* on B1230, 1½ from exit 38 M62. Admission 70p, Sun July 3, also open with 15 gardens in the village on July 10 admission to cover all gardens 2-6pm.

OTHER EVENTS

A FLORAL FESTIVAL AT IRONBRIDGE: *Based at three historic museum sites —* the Coalport China *Museum,* Jackfield Tile Museum and Rosehill House — each decked out with floral displays relating to three centuries of industry in the Gorge.
Ironbridge Gorge Museum, *Ironbridge,* Telford, Shropshire. (095 245 3522). Today until July 5, daily 10am-6pm, late opening until 8pm last two days. Tickets to all three sites, Adult £4, child £2.75.

PARLIAMENT AND THE GLORIOUS EVOLUTION: Opening day of an exhibition to mark the tercentenary of *the 1688 revolution in which James II* was overthrown and William and Mary brought to the throne.
Banqueting House, Horseguards Avenue, Whitehall, London SW1. Until *October 1, Daily 10am-6pm, late opening to 8pm Wednesdays. Adult* £2.50, child £1.

WALKS

THE BURIED CITY — LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: *meet* Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3 (also next Fri).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED **TAVERNS:** *meet* St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Fri).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

WINDSOR FESTIVAL: Events at Windsor Castle, Eton College and Theatre Royal, including concert performance of Mozart's Figaro; Bach *Mass in 'B' Minor* and *Missa Solemnis;* and London City Ballet. Lectures and *recitals. Sept 19 — Oct 5:*
Festival Office, Dial House, Englefield Green, Surrey.

KIROV BALLET: *Visit from USSR. July* 26-30.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2. (01-836-3161) (01 240 5258 credit cards)

LAST CHANCE

THE PAINTINGS OF EDWARD LEAR: *Watercolours, oil paintings and bird illustrations. Ends today.*
Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, London W1. (01-629-5116)

HEARTS AND VESSELS: New work by Elaine Kowalsky.
City of Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds. Ends Sun (0532 462495).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Summer Sales:** Jenny Gilbert; **Gardens:** Roy Hay; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
- 1 (–) Crocodile Dundee II
- 2 (–) Throw Mamma from The Train
- 3 (–) Wings of Desire
- 4 (2) A Handful of Dust
- 5 (1) Wall Street
- 6 (3) Bright Lights Big City
- 7 (4) Planes Trains and *Automobiles*
- 8 (6) The Unbearable Lightness of Being
- 9 (7) Three Men and a Baby
- 10 (10) Babette's Feast

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OUTSIDE LONDON:
- 1 Three Men and a Baby
- 2 *Bright Lights Big City*
- 3 Planes Trains & Automobiles
- 4 Wall Street
- 5 Prince of Darkness

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UNITED STATES:
- 1 (–) Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
- 2 (2) Big
- 3 (3) The Great Outdoors
- 4 (1) Red Heat
- 5 (4) Crocodile Dundee II
- 6 (6) Bull Durham
- 7 (5) Big Business
- 8 (7) Willow
- 9 (8) *Funny Farm*
- 10 (10) The Presicio

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VIDEO RENTALS:
- 1 Inner Space
- 2 Flight of the Navigator
- 3 *Full Metal Jacket*
- 4 Beverly Hills Cop II
- 5 Wish You Were Here

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

ZUGZWANG
(c) At chess a position in which a player is obliged to move, but cannot do so without disadvantage, dammit; the pestilential obligation to make such a move; from the German *zug* move + *zwang* compulsion.

CATFOOT
(a) US Navy slang for carrying out one's duties on board a submerged submarine with the least possible noise.

EQUIVOROUS
(c) Eating horses, from the Latin *equus* a horse + *vorare* to devour.

OPSIMATH
(b) Somebody who began to study late in life, from the Greek *opsi-* late + *mathe* learning: "Pathologically self-defensive opsimaths."

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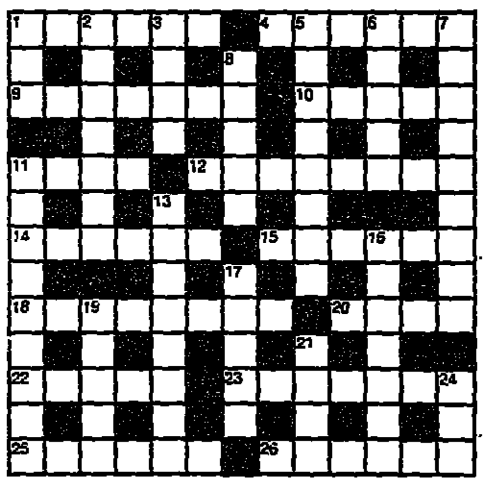

ACROSS
1 Face, aspect (6)
4 Repressed (4-2)
9 Thrash (7)
10 Wood pattern (5)
11 Minute fragment (4)
12 Mrs Tiggywinkle animal (8)
14 Unwrap (6)
15 Concealed marksman (6)
18 Welcoming (8)
20 Record (4)
22 Indigenous S African (5)
23 Cattle thief (7)
25 Room for manoeuvre (6)
26 Diamond-pattern knit (6)

DOWN
1 Large tub (3)
2 Exhibitionist (4-3)
3 Medal (4)
5 Pleasant, winning (8)
6 Rubbish (5)
7 Eulogy (9)
8 Teleprinter service (5)
11 Flooded Rameses temple site (3,6)
13 Spring nymph (8)
16 Shawl (7)
17 Contemptuous snigger (5)
19 Meeting place (5)
21 Soviet Union (1,1,1,1)
24 Small deer (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1603

ACROSS: 1 *Misericord* 8 *Hand out* 9 *Quite* 10 *Garb* 11 *Coauthor* 13 *Patio* 14 *Idiot* 16 *Piquancy* 18 *Abut* 21 *Evens* 22 *Ignoble* 23 *Prospectus*

DOWN: 1 *Minaret* 2 *Slot* 3 *Retrospective* 4 *Coq au vin* 5 *Reich* 6 *Whig* 7 *Ferret* 12 *Molasses* 13 *Puppet* 15 *Imbibes* 17 *Queer* 19 *Trek* 20 *Gnat*

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6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *Fish Feathers* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**. **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather followed by Dallas. Bobby is called to testify against Jenna at her trial (r). (Ceefax) **9.50** *Mind How You Go*. Accident prevention series presented by Jimmy Savile (r).

10.00 News and weather followed by Children Talking (b/w). Gerald Harrison talks to children about love and marriage

10.15 Cartoon Double Bill **10.25** Children's BBC. Simon Parkin with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School, presented by Stuart Bradley with guest Elizabeth Watts (r).

10.50 Cricket: Third Test. Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the morning session of the second day's play in the game at Old Trafford between England and the West Indies. Includes news and weather at **10.55** and **12.00. 12.55** Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Henry discovers that he is not as welcome in the neighbourhood as he had hoped; and Paul is asked some embarrassing questions in a magazine interview.

1.50 Wimbledon 88. Harry Carpenter introduces coverage of the men's singles semifinals on the 11th day of the championships. (Ceefax)

4.00 Lifeline. Cliff Michelmore and Debbie Thrower with the latest charity news; Michael Buerk appeals on behalf of the Polioplus Fund UKIG (r).

4.10 Paw Paws. Cartoon series

4.35 Film: Cry Wolf (1968) starring Wilfrid Brambell, Adrienne Corri and Ian Hendry. Thriller about a schoolboy who overhears a plot to kidnap the prime minister but – no-one will believe him. Directed by John Davis. **5.35** Neighbours (r).

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather. **6.35** London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are funny man Frankie Howerd; Tristan Jones, a one-legged sailor; and political comic Mort Sahl. Plus a song from Jacki Graham.

7.40 No Place Like Home. Domestic comedy series starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood. This evening the Crabtrees find themselves embroiled in their neighbours' marital problems and Lorraine's new admirers (r). (Ceefax)

8.10 The Flying Doctors. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk and Moira Stuart. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Rockliffe's Babies. A suspected case of child abuse and thefts from a perfume maker are among Sergeant Rockliffe's problems this week (r). (Ceefax)

10.20 Wimbledon 88 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of the men's singles semifinals. (Ceefax)

11.20 *Let the People Talk*. The last of the week's live discussions on topical matters.

11.50 Film: The Bad News Bears (1976) starring Walter Matthau and Tatum O'Neal. Comedy about the drunken coach of a children's baseball team who vows to make his charges the best after the team is threatened with disbandment. To this end he recruits a talented 12-year-old female pitcher. Directed by Michael Ritchie.

1.30am Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine includes Claire Rayner with advice on coping with retirement.

9.25 Thames news.

9.30 Password. Word association game hosted by Gordon Burns. The guests are Danny La Rue and Linda Nolan **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines

10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Sheena McDonald chairs a discussion on children and working mothers

11.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines.

11.30 Jobwatch. A repeat of Sunday's programme about small craft industries in Cornwall

12.00 Gas Street presented by Suzi Quatro. The guests are Andrew Sachs and Norman Vaughan **12.30** The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.

1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news.

1.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased). The earthly and ethereal partners investigate a haunted house (r). **2.30** 9 to 5. Comedy series about American office life.

3.00 Take the High Road. Donald and Inverdarroch are getting on well **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama series.

4.00 Button Moon. Puppet series for the young (r). **4.10** Rub a Dub Dub (r). **4.20** Scooby Doo. Cartoon adventures.

4.45 Splash. Nino Firetto is joined by Mark and Kathryn on a cycle ride from London to Paris. Among the people they meet on the way are a teenaged French sailing champion and three young French boys helping to renovate a chateau.

5.15 Doctor in the House. Comedy series based on the *Doctor* books of Richard Gordon. Starring Barry Evans and Robin Nedwell (r).

5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.

6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show introduced by Michael Aspel.

7.00 Jimmy's. Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.

7.30 Through the Keyhole. Chris Tarrant, Anna Raeburn and Nigel Dempster try to discover the identities of two proud home owners from descriptions of the places provided by Loyd Grossman. The host is David Frost. (Oracle)

8.00 Survival Presents: The Secret Leopard. (Oracle) (see Choice)

9.00 C.A.T.S. Eyes. Maggie and the girls help a family threatened with a spy scandal (r). (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart. **10.30** LWT News and weather.

10.35 Hunter. The detective and his partner are having a meal in a Chinese restaurant when a group of Vietnamese enter and a gun battle ensues.

11.35 1st Exposure. The first of a series introducing entertainers making their television debuts. Tonight's guests include buskers, the Gutter Brothers; the Chuffinelles, three women with a novel comedy act; Martin Soan, described as a surreal comic; and Simon Bligh, a stand-up comedian from Liverpool

12.05am Kojak. Detective Daley accidently shoots a young boy and Kojak has to field the flak. Starring Telly Savalas and, as Daley, Sylvester Stallone (r).

1.00 Night Network includes live music from Roachford and a report from New York as it prepares for Independence Day.

4.00 Baseball '88. New York Yankees v Cleveland.

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Darwin and Diversity. Ends at **7.20**

9.00 Ceefax.

12.55 Cricket: Third Test. The closing overs of the second morning's play at Old Trafford.

1.05 Weekend Outlook. A preview of this weekend's Open University programmes **1.10** Ceefax **1.20** Bertha (r).

1.35 Cricket: Third Test. Coverage of the afternoon session of the second day's play in the game at Old Trafford between England and the West Indies. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister with summaries from Ray Illingworth and Tom Graveney. Includes news and weather **2.00** and **3.00**.

3.50 News, regional news and weather.

4.00 Cricket and Tennis. Further coverage from Old Trafford and Wimbledon. (Ceefax)

8.00 Weekend. Guy Michelmore with places to go and things to do over the weekend in the east and south-east areas (see variations for other regions' programmes)

8.30 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale, presented by Geoff Hamilton and John Kelly. Advice on how to plan a vegetable plot to ensure a regular harvest of produce; and what to grow in outdoor pots for the patio.

9.00 Alas Smith and Jones. Mel and Griff with another selection of comedy sketches and a deep, meaningful conversation (r). (Ceefax)

9.30 The Yellow River. Programme two of the six-part series following the route of the famous Chinese river from its source to the sea. This evening – the history of the Songpan plains, some 350 miles from the river's source.

9.55 Sing Country. Willie Nelson performs at the International Festival of Country Music.

10.35 Newsnight

11.20 Weather

11.25 The Week in the Lords presented by Christopher Jones.

12.05am Cricket: Third Test. Highlights of the second day's play. Ends at **12.40**.

CHANNEL 4

11.30 Woman in View (r). **12.00** Nature in Focus. The wildlife of a lowland river bed (r).

12.30 Business Daily

1.00 On Course. Magazine series for Open College learners.

2.00 The Parliament Programme.

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. The 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 rces.

4.30 Countdown.

5.00 Mister Ed. Vintage American comedy series about a man with a talking horse.

5.30 Film: Cours du Soir (1967) starring Jacques Tati as Monsieur Hulot, in this as a lecturer with a class of middle-aged students. Directed by Nicolas Rybowski. English subtitles.

6.00 The Chart Show.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nik Gowing. Weather.

7.35 Book Choice. Andrew Alexander, city editor of the *Daily Mail*, reviews Philip Ziegler's biography of the Baring family from 1762 to 1929, *The Sixth Great Power*. (Oracle)

8.00 What the Papers Say with Russell Davies.

8.15 Dispatches: The Hashish Connection. A documentary filmed in the Bekaa valley about Lebanon's powerful drug clans.

9.00 4 on the Floor. Comedy

9.30 Dublin Suite. Cameraman Godfrey Graham interprets Robert Lamb's *The Dublin Suite*, played by the RTE Concert Orchestra, by observing the passing of the day in the city.

10.00 Cheers. (Oracle)

10.30 The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross. The guests include Ken Russell and Rickie Lake; Adam Athanassiou at the movies; and memory man Tom Moreton. Plus details of a competition to win *The Last Resort*

11.15 Wired includes a performance by Bruce Springsteen.

12.15am Film: The Tempter (1974) starring Glenda Jackson. Drama set in a Rome convent where the arrival of a young author to help a Polish priest write his memoirs leads to a breakdown in the normal life of the order. Directed by Damiano Damiani. Ends at **2.15**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 1.30am-1.35 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am Dotaman 11.00 Joining network 6.35 Reporting Scotland 7.00-7.40 Summertime NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35 Neighbours 6.58-7.00 Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 8.00pm The Baroness 8.30-9.00 Gardening Together SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 Catchword ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 Midlands: Take a Break; North: Twenty Years; North-east: Townscape; North-west: North West Face; South: All good Things; South-west: Natural Concern; West: A Summer Journey – The Severn.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.00 Film: When the Bough Breaks* 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 10.35 Cross Question 11.15-1.00am Blood Relatives.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Fire in the Stone 3.15 Water Garden 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 The Queen in the Borders 11.05 Paul Coia Show 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.35pm-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Incredible Shrinking Woman 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 News 6.30-7.00 Jimmy Greaves 10.35 Central Weekend 12.00 Film: Moment by Moment 2.00am Kojak 3.00 C 4.30-5.00 Other Side of Midnight.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20 News 1.30 Room for Change 2.00 Falcon Crest 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening! 10.35 Facing South 11.05 Film: Breakthrough 12.45-1.00am Terence Trent D'Arby 4.05 Lifestyles 4.30-5.00 That's Gardening.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Beachcomber* 3.00-3.30 Nine to Five 5.15-5.45 Winner Takes All 6.00-7.00 North Tonight 10.35 Crossfire 11.05 The Fugitive 12.05am First Exposure 12.35 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Week in View 2.00-3.00 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 ALF 10.35 Who's The Boss? 11.05 Hunter 12.00 Other Side of Midnight 12.30am Film: Lipstick 2.20 UK Top 10 2.50 America's Top 10 3.20 Europe's Top 10 3.45 Best of the Beat Club 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Phyllis Diller Show 1.20 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Watch It, Sailor!* 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 News 6.30-7.00 Problems 10.35 You're the Boss 11.05 Your Say 11.20 Kojak 12.20am V 2.20 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.35 Elinor – Live 11.35 Kojak 12.35am-2.35 V.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Dining in France 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Paul and Michelle 5.15-5.45 Winner Takes All 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 First Exposure 12.00 Other Side of Midnight 12.30am Film: Lipstick 2.20 UK Top 10 2.50 El Pueblo 3.20 Europe's Top 10 3.45 Leopards of Kora 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Crazy About the Movies 1.20 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Vengeance Valley 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Give us a Clue 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 That's My Dog 10.35 Film: Naked Runner 12.25am Music Special 1.30 Postscript Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 All Our Yesterday 1.20 News 1.30 Room for Change 2.00 Falcon Crest 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening! 10.35 Facing South 11.05 Film: Breakthrough 12.45-1.00am Terence Trent D'Arby 4.05 Lifestyles 4.30-5.00 That's Gardening!

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.00 Film: Cheaper by the Dozen* 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 10.35 Film: Oklahoma Crude 12.35am Epilogue 12.45-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Newstime 1.30-3.00 Film: Grand National Night 3.30-4.00 Password 5.15-5.45 Survival of the Fittest 6.00 Summer Edition 6.15 Summer Sport 6.30-7.00 ALF 10.35 Witness 10.40 Girobank Games 11.10 Falcon Crest 12.05am Man from UNCLE 12.55 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30-3.00 Film: That's Your Funeral 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Benson 10.35 Film: The Hanging Tree* 12.30am Film: Be My Guest* 2.00 Kojak 3.00 Music Box 4.00 In Concert: Album 4.30-5.00 Meltdown.

S4C Starts: 12.15pm Countdown 1.00 Open College 2.00 Parliament Programme 2.30 Racing 4.20 Briwsion 4.35 Dafydd 5.00 Superchamps 5.30 Yacht Racing 6.00 Chart Show 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Ma' Ifan 'Ma 8.15 Y Byd ar Bedwar 9.00 Le Corbusier 10.00 Cheers 10.30 Last Resort 11.15 Wired 12.15am Film: The Tempter 2.15 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 4.05pm Sons and Daughters 4.30 Bosco 5.00 Cockleshell Bay 5.15 Secret World of Polly Flint 5.45 New 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.30 Cartoon 6.45 Hilary's Adventures 7.10 Sea Hunt 7.30 Room Outside 8.00 Matlock 9.00 News 9.30 Dublin Village 10.10 Fathers and Sons 12.40am News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: 1.55pm Tennis 7.30 It's Your Move 8.00 Naucht 8.10 Keating on Painters 8.40 Eurythmics 10.20 Newsnight 10.40 Paper Chase 11.30 Portraits 12.25am Closedown.

Airborne Aussies: Liz Burch as the new doctor, Chris Randall, with Andrew McFarlane as Tom Callaghan in the medical drama series set in the Australian outback (BBC1, 8.10pm)

Taking off down under

TELEVISION CHOICE

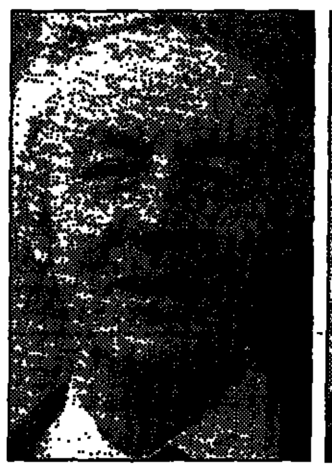
● Filling the Friday night *Dynasty* slot for the next few weeks is a series from Australia, The Flying Doctors (BBC1, 8.10pm). Out go the rich bitches and old Blake with his blue hair and in come a pair of fresh-faced, clean-cut young medics plying their trade in the outback. The disease most widespread in the township of Cooper's Crossing is male chauvinist piggery. When the new doctor Chris arrives, and Chris turns out to be not male but female, the locals are horrified. It is as if women's lib had never existed. Violet, the town gossip, declares that medicine is no job for a woman. There are dark mutterings about how long she will last. She had better last or the series will lose one of its main characters. The other is Dr Tom Callaghan. On the rebound from a broken romance with an American girl, he could be just the pick-me-up that Chris needs but meanwhile he has grittier matters on his mind. Old Ted, who has gone to pieces since his wife walked out on him, collapses while trying to lift a log and is airlifted to hospital for an emergency operation. Logs seem to be a hazard in this part of Australia. Jim Spencer, a rich meanie who refuses to maintain his own airstrip, has a log roll on his leg and doubles up in overacted agony. Dr Chris is summoned for her first solo crisis. What with an overacting patient, a rough airstrip and a spectacular thunderstorm, all is set for the perfect cliffhanger. I have no idea how *The Flying Doctors* will go down in Britain. Lacking the staple *Dynasty* ingredients of greed and intrigue and Joan Collins may be a handicap but perhaps viewers will welcome a return to a story of decent people doing worthy things. Besides, medical dramas have a built-in fascination and there is no surer recipe for boosting the ratings than a couple of major operations.

● When it comes to making wildlife films, the shy and reclusive leopards are not the easiest subjects. To get his footage for The Secret Leopard (*ITV, 8.00pm*), the cameraman Richard Matthews spent 4½ patient months in a Kenyan game park. It is a remarkable study of a leopardess and her cubs.

Peter Waymark

Masters of all trades

RADIO CHOICE



Anecdote and argument: Ulick O'Connor (*left*) on his heroes (R4, 4.05pm) and Alexander Goehr on music (R3, 10.15pm)

● A man of many parts himself (barrister, storyteller, actor, journalist, poet and playwright, and one-time boxer and pole-vault champion), it is logical and predictable that Ulick O'Connor, the subject of this week's My Heroes (Radio 4, 4.05pm) should select as one of his two idols a man who wore nearly as many hats as he wears. Not content with being a surgeon, senator, poet, aviator, athlete and playwright, Oliver St John Gogarty was also the man who, if O'Connor is to be believed, kept the Oscar Wilde tradition of conversation alive. It is not possible on the evidence of *My Heroes* to deduce whether O'Connor has inherited the conversationalist mantle from his hero. He is such a firecracker of an anecdotalist that his interviewer, Cliff Morgan, can do little more than coo his admiration. Apocryphal or not, the tales that O'Connor tells about Gogarty are food and drink for an actor. For instance, wearing his surgeon's hat, Gogarty was performing an operation when there was a sudden gush of blood. "Oh God!" gasped the young surgeon who was helping him. "Cease calling on your unqualified assistant and pass the sponge!", snapped Gogarty. O'Connor has no funny stories to tell about Gladstone, the second of his chosen heroes. Instead, he gives a passable imitation of the venerable politician delivering his oft-quoted 1886 speech in support of home rule for Ireland.

● We were wrong if we imagined that Alexander Goehr, who gave the 1987 Reith Lectures, would get away without being summoned to defend his controversial views about the future of both classical and contemporary music. He is involved in a five-way discussion tonight (Radio 3, 10.15pm), chaired by Jeremy Isaacs, the Royal Opera House's general director-in-waiting.

Peter Davalle

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)

News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Sybil Ruscoe) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00** Friday Rock Show **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2 **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)

4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Wimbledon 88 **7.00** Teddy Johnson's 78 Show **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **9.30** The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years with Alan Keith **10.30** Mind Your Own Business **11.00** Angela Rippon **1.00** David Bellan with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On... **7.45** Sportsworld **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** A Schubert Anthology **8.30** Music Now **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** The Mixer **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.15** Seven Seas **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Sportsworld **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Europe's World **12.30** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Sportsworld **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** After Henry **3.45** The Racing Game **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Personal View **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sportsworld **9.15** Europe's World **9.30** Business Matters **9.45** Behind the Wall **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** Presentation Programme **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Guitar Workshop **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Sportsworld **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Concerto in D (RV 549): Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood); Schubert (Auf dem Strom: Anneliese Rothenberger, soprano, Norbert Hauptmann, horn, and Gunther Weissenborn, piano); Beethoven (Romance No 2 in F: New Philharmonia Orchestra under De Waart with Arthur Grumiaux, violin)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Borodin (Nocturne (Quartet No 2 in D): Quartetto Italiano); Elgar (Introduction and Allegro: Sinfonia of London under Barbirolli); Offenbach, arr Rosenthal (Gaîté parisienne: Philharmonia under von Karajan) **8.30** News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Brahms. Piano Quintet in F minor: Amadeus String Quartet with Christoph Eschenbach (piano); Wie Melodien, Wir wandelten, Der Tod das ist die kühle Nacht, and Fragen: Jessye Norman, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Margaret Price, Edith Mathis, Brigitte Fassbaender and Peter Schreier

9.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra: Christopher Adey conducts Christopher Bunting's Concerto for cello and strings with the composer (cello); and Wagner's Siegfried Idyll

10.20 C P E Bach and Haydn: Jos Van Immerseel (piano) plays Bach's Fantasia No 6 in C (Wq 59), and Rondo No 5 in B flat (Wq 58); and Haydn's Sonata in E flat (H XVI 49)

10.55 Test Match Special: Ball by ball commentary on the second day's play in the Third Test. Includes **1.05** News and **1.10** Call the Commentators: To participate ring 01-580 4444. Until **6.30pm**

10.55 Music for Carillon: Performed by Arie Abbenes, Todd Fair, Jacques Maassen and Bernard Winsemius

11.20 BBC Philharmonic Concert: Sergiu Comissiona conducts Stravinsky's Petrushka (1947 version); Barber's Violin Concerto; and Gershwin's An American in Paris. With Ernst Kovacic (violin). Includes **12.00** interval reading **1.00** News

1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: John Gough (piano) plays Mozart's Sonata in C (K 330); Manuel de Falla's Pièces espagnoles; Fauré's Theme and Variations, Op 73; and Pierre Sancan's Toccata (1943)

2.00 Ariel and Prospero: Frank Martin's Five Songs of Ariel performed by Stockholm Chamber Choir under Eric Ericson; and his Three Fragments (Der Sturm) by Berlin PO under the composer with Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone)

2.35 String Trios: Gidon Kremer (violin), Kim Kashkashian (viola) and Yo Yo Ma (cello) play Beethoven's Serenade in D, Op 8; Schnittke's Trio (1985); and Mozart's Divertimento in E flat (K 563). Includes **3.35** interval reading

4.30 Homage to Buxtehude: David Titterington plays works by Buxtehude and Petr Eben on the organ of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Presented by Michael Berkeley

6.30 The Piano Blues: Last of the series in which Francis Wilford-Smith examines the role of the piano in blues music

7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear: With guest Richard Eyre, the new artistic director of the National Theatre

7.30 A Long Fidelity: Play by Françoise Campo-Timal about the confusion in Vietnam after the Second World War. With Cheryl Campbell, Rosemary Leach and Laurence Payne (r)

8.35 Early Music Network: Recreation of the Baroni family's repertoire with works by Monteverdi, Stefano Landi, Luigi Rossi and Domenico Mazzochi. With Jill Feldman, Judith Nelson and Isabelle Poulenard (sopranos). Includes **9.20** Peter Barker reading Francisco Ignacio Solano's speech for the opening of a musical school in Lisbon in 1779

10.15 The 1987 Reith Lectures: Jeremy Isaacs chairs a discussion about the fate of classical and contemporary music between Alexander Goehr, composer and professor of music in the University of Cambridge, Bayan Northcott, composer and critic, Richard Bernas, conductor and David Richardson, orchestral manager (see Choice)

11.00 Composers of the Week: Boccherini (r)

12.00 News

12.05 Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping Forecast

6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)

6.30 Today: Presented by Sue MacGregor and Chris Lowe, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business Weekly **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Your Letters **8.57** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs Sue Lawley's guest is Jeremy Issacs (s) (r)

9.45 The Woody Allen Reader: Kerry Shale reads from The Schmeed Memoirs (s)

10.00 News; International Assignment

10.30 Morning Story: I Wish I Had a Parrot by Sue Sully. Read by Ysanne Churchman

10.45 Daily Service from Broadcasting House, Glasgow (s)

11.00 News; Analysis: John Eidinow reports on the state of Britain's legal system, and the Government's plans to make the workings of the courts quicker, simpler and cheaper

11.47 The Blind Misleading the Blind (new series): Peter White gives three autobiographical talks, beginning with his escapades while at he was at a boarding school for blind boys

12.00 News; You and Yours: Chris Hawkesworth meets the former members of Class 5R from Lawnswood School in Leeds to find out what they are doing four years later and whether they have realized their ambitions

12.25 The Food Programme: An analysis of whisky, beer and cognac to find out why they taste the way they do **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Cardiff. Includes features on the effect of immigration on the Welsh language and culture; the archetypal Welsh mother figure as depicted in the new film *The Mam*; the problems of caring for an elderly relative; and an interview with harpist Caryl Thomas

3.00 News; The Way We Live Now: by Anthony Trollope, dramatized in eight parts by David Spenser. With Rosalind Shanks, Stephen Rashbrook, Debby Cumming and Michael Tudor Barnes (4) (s)

4.00 News

4.05 My Heroes: Cliff Morgan talks to Dublin poet, playwright and actor Ulick O'Connor about the people who have been a major influence on his life (s) (see Choice)

4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News: with Peter Donaldson; Financial Report

6.30 Freewheeling: Barry Norman with a weekly guide to what's going on, where and when

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week: Benny Green presents his selection of the week's broadcasting highlights (s)

8.20 Any Questions: Jonathan Dimbleby in Norfolk with a panel including GEC Chairman Lord Prior and Gerald Kaufman MP

9.05 Law in Action: Topical weekly magazine about issues thrown up by the courts and Parliament, with John Eidinow

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.45 Kaleidoscope: A report by Lucy Neal about some of the touring theatre companies being run by actor/managers such as Michael Pennington, Sir Anthony Quayle and Kate O'Mara. She asks why they left established companies, how they cope with the difficulties of life on the road and where they find the necessary financial backing

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: In My Wildest Dreams by Leslie Thomas (10 of 12) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.00 Today in Parliament

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 The Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news stories with Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (s)

12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather

VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00** pm Listening Corner **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)

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End of the crusade at Elstree studios

By Andrew Billen

Steven Spielberg, the American film director, yesterday condemned the Cannon Group for selling Elstree Studios to property developers.

Mr Spielberg, who has made eight box office hits at Elstree, said he would have tried to raise money to buy the studio himself.

In a break from filming *Indiana Jones III: The Last Crusade*, he said: "The news hit me like a blitzkrieg on Wednesday afternoon. It was presented as a *fait accompli*.

"I am ashamed that the Cannon people did not sell the studio to motion picture people but to building developers, presumably because it was the highest bid.

"I am miserable for the staff here. I'm miserable for the people who have worked on my films for more than 10 years, and I am miserable for the British film industry."

He said the studios, known for 60 years as the British Hollywood, had made a profit every year since 1975.

Mr Michael Winner, the British director who supported Cannon's purchase of the studios in 1986, yesterday welcomed news of the closure as "a step towards reality".

He said: "The loss of some ugly buildings off the A1 is nothing to cry over. Elstree is better closed that open."

The last show: the film director Steven Spielberg outside the doomed studios where he made some of his best-known films. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Poppies and Star Wars at Britain's Hollywood

By Alan Hamilton

There is little else to remember *Poppies Of Flanders* by. But the long-forgotten film earns a minor historical footnote as the first made at *Britain's first custom-built* film studios.

Elstree was founded in 1927 at Borehamwood in Hertfordshire, just far enough out of London to escape the fogs and smogs of the capital. Films had been made there, in a garden-shed sort of way, since 1913, but the new Elstree was serious stuff, with proper windowless stage and all processing facilities.

Within months the studio was showing signs of greatness to come. A young Alfred Hitchcock was attracted to make his first film in his native country, *The Ring*.

Hitchcock was working on another production, *Blackmail*, at Elstree in 1929 when the whole art form was revolutionized by sound. The last-minute addition of a sound track to certain scenes gave Elstree the honour of producing Britain's first talkie.

During the thirties an endless stream of films, most of them unmemorable, poured from Elstree. But there were occasional triumphs. Charles Laughton appeared in *St Martin's Lane* in 1938, and the following year Hitchcock directed him in *Jamaica Inn*.

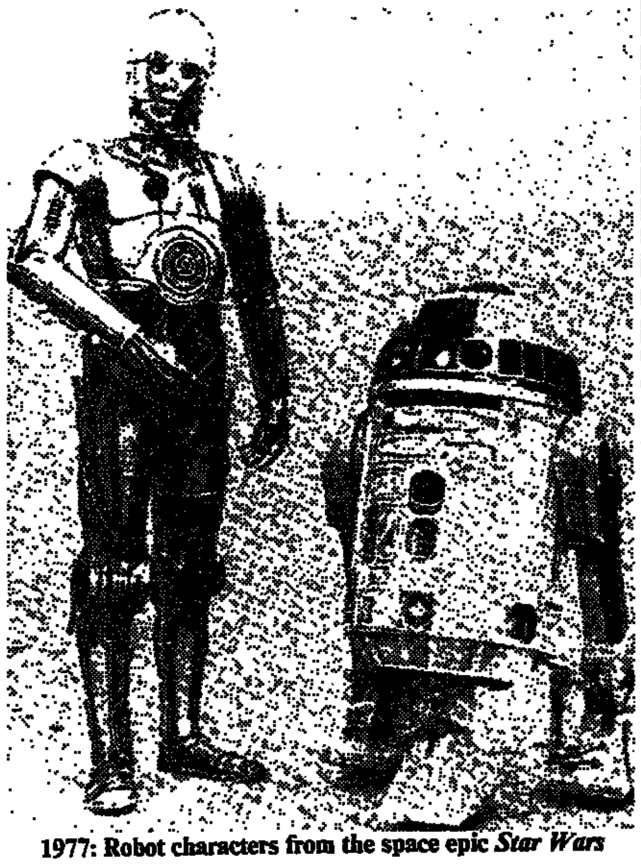
Elstree's post-war career was more distinguished, and included *The Dam Busters*.

It earned a world-wide reputation as the centre of special-effects film-making, drawing American producers and directors to make *Star Wars* and *Return Of The Jedi*.

Between its high-tech space drama and its workaday television series, Elstree still found room to produce memorable and very British movies.

1939: Charles Laughton in a scene from *Jamaica Inn*

1955: Richard Todd and Michael Redgrave in *The Dambusters*



1977: Robot characters from the space epic *Star Wars*

Commons sketch

Where have all the madmen gone?

It is one of the great sadnesses of the House that even the maddest Members cannot always be relied upon to be mad. Eminent psychologists advise that the most vociferous barkers can occasionally go through protracted periods of simply wagging their tails.

Before it began, it seemed set to be a cracker of a day for a close study of the unhinged. Mr Ken Livingstone was second on the list for Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to be followed closely by Mr Ron Brown, Mr Harry Greenway, and Mr Tam Dalyell. Meanwhile, Mr Paisley was at hand, leaping up and down in his seat, alive with the promise of fist-flinging froth-filled fury.

Prime Minister's Questions were to follow, an early opportunity for expert onlookers to scrutinize the effects of Mr Kinnock's well advertised depression. They would also be able to judge whether Mr Hattersley would be supplementing his morning statement that the Labour party was "more unified now than at any other moment during the past thirty years" with the appropriate funny hat and fancy dress. On the hoardings, it seemed set to be a real humdinger of a show.

But by the end of the first hour, tears of boredom were plummeting on the faces of innocent bystanders. Mr Livingstone had asked for a case of RUC injustice to be looked into, and no-one had batted an eyelid. It may well be that Mr Livingstone's shock value has run its course, and that Members are now immune to the terrors of yet another ride on the same old ghost train. Now, even if he were to roar into the Chamber on a motor-bike calling for the immediate internment of all people without moustaches, no-one would be impressed.

Mr Brown was even less fun, burbling on about workers' defence groups without so much as a glance at the Mace. Mr Greenway failed to amuse, Mr Dalyell was not called, and Mr Paisley barely muttered a word. It was rather like Young Albert's visit to the seaside, with nobody drowned, in fact nothing to laugh at at all. Innocent bystanders were now hoping with all their might that the Lioness, fresh from Hanover, would provide at least some amusement.

Mr Charles Kennedy (SLD) was the first to encourage her to bare her teeth. Mr Kennedy is widely regarded as one of the few relatively normal people in the Chamber, his relationship with Mr Maclennan having been excused as being strictly that of doctor and patient. But all normal things come to an end. Mr Kennedy used his question to ask the Prime Minister for extra time for on-site Scottish Questions, perhaps in an Edinburgh schoolroom. The Prime Minister said a sleepy no, and it was hard to see why Mr Kennedy had bothered.

And so to Mr Kinnock. Contrary to rumour, it is doubtful whether he has ever been depressed in his life, or even a little down-in-the-mouth. However grim his position in the life of the nation, he always sits on the Front Bench with a wide grin on his face, banging his fists together, joshing with his next-door-neighbours, just delighted to be there at all. In the event of a nuclear holocaust, he would probably look on the sunny side.

Mr Kinnock talked of the Government's "unique incompetence", but the Lioness barely gnashed her teeth. Taking the tickling-stick to her mane, he later asked "Isn't it clear that the Prime Minister is facing both ways?", but she behaved in a manner to suggest that she is no longer ticklish. Little Tories who attempted to goad her into a show of her jaws by feeding her nuggets of anti-Socialist encouragement were to be similarly disappointed. "I couldn't have put it better myself" she was to say, before passing on to the next question.

As the innocent bystanders slopped out of the Chamber, straining to think of something even a tiny bit interesting to put on the postcards home, they strayed over to a desk full of Press Releases from the different parties. Aha! An SLD headline ran: "Sir Russell Johnston backs lead-free Petrol Campaign".

It seemed by far the most exciting news of the day.

Craig Brown

Hostages are alive, Howe tells MPs

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, told the Commons yesterday that he believed Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, and other British hostages in Lebanon may still be alive.

In the first such statement by a British minister, the Foreign Secretary told the Commons that he had no certain information "but there is certainly some evidence that they are alive".

Sir Geoffrey said the Foreign Office was constantly seeking information, but did not elaborate. The Foreign Office said later that the freshest evidence came from the debriefing by British officials of French hostages released this summer.

Sir Geoffrey was speaking on the day that the Conservative-controlled Commons foreign affairs committee issued a report insisting that there must be no deals to secure the hostages' release.

The MPs supported the Government's agreement to make a net payment of £1 million to Iran to settle mutual claims for damages to the two countries' embassies in London and Tehran.

They also said that Iran should release Mr Roger Cooper and Mr Nicholas Nicola, the Britons being held without trial in a Teheran prison; should settle outstanding debts to British exporters dating from the time of the Shah's fall; and should guarantee the safety of British diplomats should they return to Teheran.

Sir Geoffrey welcomed the report as a "powerful all-party endorsement of our policy towards Iran and the Gulf conflict".

He denied categorically newspaper reports that British policy towards Iran had changed in recent days.

Foreign Affairs Committee: Current UK Policy Towards the Iran/Iraq Conflict (Stationery Office, £6.90).

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Lefebvre excommunicated for schism

Continued from page 1

were submitted for approval to Rome and were rejected.

At the part in the ceremony where the "apostolic mandate" would normally have been read, signifying the Pope's consent, Mgr Lefebvre said his mandate was the Catholic faith.

He was convinced his actions were not schismatic, he told the congregation. "Even if the act today is apparently schismatic, and this will be exaggerated by the media here today, these penalties are null and void. We are convinced that Rome will one day thank us for this."

The Pope and the Vatican had strayed from the true Catholic faith at, and after, the Second Vatican Council, and he and his followers were "of necessity" carrying on the true tradition of the church. "We wait until this tradition finds its place in Rome again."

Supporters of Mgr Lefebvre wanted to keep the excommunication question open for as long as possible, and had hoped, until the last minute, that the Pope would come up with new concessions. But the text of a communiqué read in Rome yesterday was quite unambiguous. The ordination of the bishops was "expressely against the will of the Pope and a formal act of schism."

The key to future Vatican strategy is its continuing vagueness over the fate of those who now attend traditionalist services. The blurring of their status is probably deliberate; the Vatican wants to give as many believers as possible a chance to renounce Archbishop Lefebvre and return to the Church.

One English seminarian at Ecône, the Rev Sebastian Wall, from Birmingham, was dismissive of the threat of excommunication. "You can't be excommunicated for being a Catholic," he said.

The expectation at Ecône appears to be that Rome will not move hurriedly to raise the stakes; and a long exposition of Canon law was being distributed, suggesting that the Fraternity might appeal.

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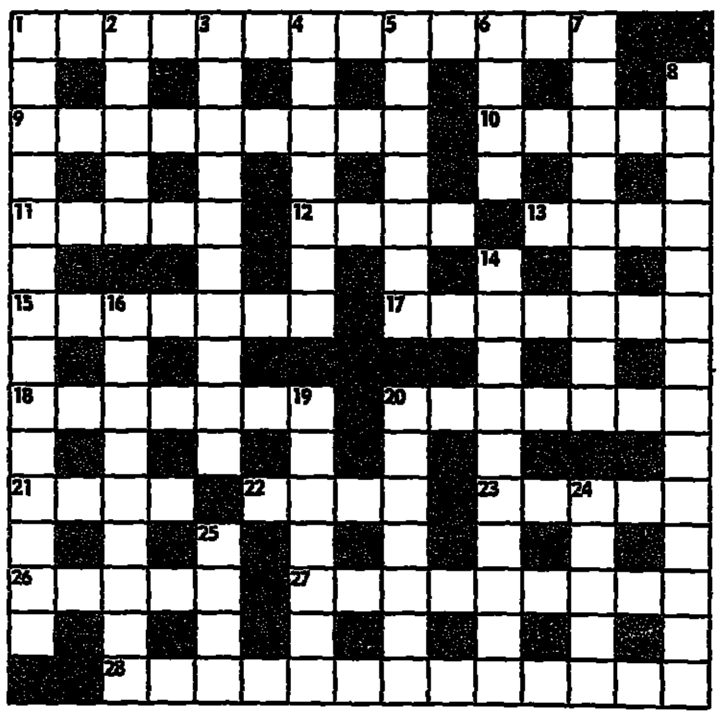

ACROSS
1 The changeableness of the season-ticket holder? (13).
9 The fundamental reason a relation got involved (9).
10 Chariot, a success with a lot to carry (5).
11 Odd ruses of employers (5).
12 A little one's modest contribution (4).
13 Grief gets a state benefit (4).
15 Got to be made safe (7).
17 Unyielding to requests for an old diamond (7).
18 Old iron, say (7).
20 Suffering from cold foreign season within limits of Sicily (7).
21 To say "Keep mum" is nonsense (4).
22 The sign of a sore non-unionist (4).
23 Benefit obtained from, for instance, a group (5).
26 Lightweight requires lots of oxygen (9).
27 Start to speak about one drink (9).
28 Consideration of hospitality (13).

Concise crossword, page 20

DOWN
1 Caution advised to St Paul's visitor seeking Wren's monument? (14).
2 Recording instrument said to show this measure (5).
3 Unseen not studied (10).
4 A number ready for the fray with the wind up (7).
5 Train that is possibly in a state of rest (7).
6 Desire to behead one of those greeting Macbeth (4).
7 A way of entering an American university? Try a long drink (4,2,3).
8 Where Peeping Tom might feel at home in London (8,6).
14 Article one found in post "Drains, hygiene, etc." (10).
16 Deal successfully with weight that's put on top of wall (4-5).
19 Peevish about upper-class cricket club getting aid.
20 Milton's fair nymph "Under the glassy, cool, translucent wave" (7).
24 Express condition (5).
25 Pay what's proper (4).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ZUGZWANG
a. A Chinese dynasty
b. A computer malfunction
c. A chess move

CATFOOT
a. To tread softly
b. A type of marsh trefoil
c. A wild jazz dance

EQUIVOROUS
a. Equally poised
b. Untrembling
c. Eating horsemeat

OPSIMATH
a. The study of surds
b. A late learner
c. Statics and dynamics

Answers on page 20, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,709

P	L	A	Y	E	D	O	U	T	■	B	A	S	I	C
I	■	M	■	L	■	V	■	O	■	A	■	E	■	O
P	R	O	P	O	S	E	■	P	E	L	I	C	A	N
E	■	N	■	P	■	R	■	■	■	E	■	T	■	C
R	O	G	U	E	■	T	E	S	T	D	R	I	V	E
■	■	S	■	M	■	H	■	T	■	■	■	O	■	R
C	U	T	■	E	V	E	R	A	N	D	A	N	O	N
L	■	■	■	N	■	M	■	L	■	A	■	■	■	E
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M	■	A	■	■	■	O	■	Y	■	S	■	E	■	■
B	R	I	T	A	N	N	I	A	■	P	R	A	N	G
D	■	V	■	B	■	■	■	N	■	R	■	L	■	R
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WEATHER

Most regions will start cloudy and there will be outbreaks of rain in southern Scotland and on the eastern side of the country. Drier weather already over Northern Ireland, south-west England and Wales will work its way north-east over most of the British Isles by the middle of the day, pushing the rain into northern Scotland. Temperatures will be near or a little below average. Outlook: unsettled and showery.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Majorca	30	86	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	24	75	f
Algiers	35	95	s	Malta	31	88	s
Amst'dm	23	73	f	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Athens	34	93	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Barcelna	24	75	c	Montreal*	13	55	r
Belgrade	29	84	f	Moscow	28	82	t
Berlin	26	79	s	Munich	24	75	s
Bermuda*	27	81	f	Naples	31	88	s
Biarritz	19	66	r	N Delhi	31	88	r
Borde'x	25	77	f	N York*	22	72	c
Brussels	24	75	f	Nice	21	70	c
B Aires*	11	52	c	Oslo	22	72	f
Cairo	37	99	s	Paris	19	66	c
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Peking	29	84	f
C'blanca	23	73	f	Perth	16	61	s
Chicago*	18	64	c	Rhodes	29	84	s
Ch'church	8	46	s	Rio de J	19	66	c
Cologne	24	75	f	Rome	26	79	s
C'phagn	19	66	c	Salzburg	26	79	s
Corfu	31	88	s	S F'risco*	23	73	s
Dublin	16	61	r	Santiago*	14	57	f
Faro	22	72	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Florence	27	81	s	Sing'por	26	79	r
Frankfurt	24	75	f	St'kholm	26	79	f
Geneva	19	66	c	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Sydney	16	61	s
Helsinki	25	77	f	Tangier	23	73	s
Hong K	27	81	c	Tenerife	26	79	f
Innsbrck	27	81	f	Tokyo	22	72	r
Istanbul	27	81	f	Toronto*	19	66	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tunis	33	91	s
Jo'burg*	11	52	f	Valencia	24	75	c
L Palmas	25	77	f	Vanc'ver*	16	61	c
Lisbon	21	70	f	Venice	25	77	c
Locarno	21	70	c	Warsaw	26	79	f
L Angels*	21	70	f	Wash'ton*	29	84	s
Luxembg	22	72	f	Wel'nton	5	41	r
Madrid	17	63	d	Zurich	23	73	f

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.5	.01	21	70	sunny
Cromer	4.6	-	21	70	bright
Lowestoft	1.1	-	18	64	cloudy
Clacton	7.2	-	17	63	sunny
Margate	*	.04	21	70	sunny
Hastings	8.6	-	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	6.2	.08	19	66	sunny
Brighton	7.3	-	18	64	sunny
Littlehmptn	7.5	.01	19	66	sunny
Bognor R	8.6	-	19	66	sunny
Southsea	1.7	.01	19	66	cloudy
Shanklin	2.4	.01	19	66	bright
Bournemth	2.4	.07	19	66	shower
Weymouth	1.8	.10	19	66	cloudy
Exmouth	3.6	.07	19	66	cloudy
Teignmouth	2.6	-	19	66	cloudy
Torquay	4.7	-	22	72	sunny
Penzance	5.1	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	4.4	-	19	66	sunny
Newquay	3.2	-	20	68	bright
Minehead	2.1	.01	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	2.3	.01	18	64	rain
Douglas	*	-	17	63	bright
Carlisle	0.3	.01	16	61	cloudy
Leeds	3.1	-	22	72	cloudy
Nottingham	3.9	.16	22	72	thundr
Anglesey	5.9	-	19	66	bright
Colwyn Bay	2.9	.01	18	64	shower
Tenby	0.5	.55	18	64	cloudy
Aberdeen	5.5	-	17	63	bright
Aviemore	4.4	-	22	72	bright
Eskdalemuir	4.0	-	17	63	cloudy
Kinloss	4.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.02	13	55	fog
Prestwick	0.8	.01	17	63	cloudy
Stornoway	8.0	-	14	57	bright
Tiree	9.6	-	16	61	cloudy
Wick	1.3	.01	14	57	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available
These are Wednesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.33	6.9	3.54	6.9
Aberdeen	2.48	4.2	3.32	4.2
Avonmouth	9.11	12.6	9.33	12.9
Belfast	12.19	3.5	12.51	3.3
Cardiff	8.56	11.7	9.18	11.9
Devonport	7.57	5.2	8.14	5.5
Dover	12.30	6.3	1.00	6.5
Falmouth	7.27	5.0	7.44	5.3
Glasgow	2.10	4.7	2.41	4.3
Harwich	1.28	3.9	1.48	3.8
Holyhead	—	—	12.15	5.3
Hull	8.03	7.1	8.38	7.2
Ilfracombe	7.49	8.9	8.12	9.2
Leith	4.10	5.4	4.49	5.5
Liverpool	12.44	9.3	1.11	9.1
Lowestoft	11.04	2.5	11.51	2.3
Margate	1.41	4.7	2.00	4.6
Milford Haven	8.04	6.7	8.27	7.0
Newquay	6.54	6.8	7.17	7.0
Oban	7.38	3.7	7.58	4.0
Penzance	6.56	5.3	7.14	5.6
Portland	9.02	1.9	9.25	2.2
Portsmouth	12.53	4.5	1.27	4.5
Shoreham	12.41	6.1	1.19	6.1
Southampton	12.18	4.4	12.57	4.4
Swansea	8.13	9.0	8.34	9.4
Tees	5.16	5.3	5.55	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	1.19	4.1	1.36	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

THE POUND

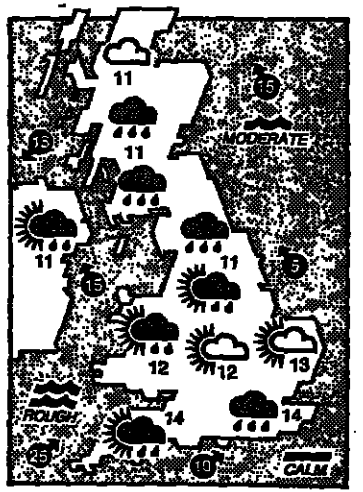
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.245	2.125
Austria Sch	22.80	21.50
Belgium Fr	67.95	64.55
Canada $	2.155	2.035
Denmark Kr	12.25	11.65
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.90	10.35
Germany Dm	3.225	3.065
Greece Dr	255	241
Hong Kong $	13.80	13.05
Ireland Pt	1.201	1.141
Italy Lira	2390	2270
Japan Yen	238	226
Netherlands Gld	3.62	3.45
Norway Kr	11.75	11.15
Portugal Esc	261	248
South Africa Rd	4.50	4.00
Spain Pta	214.25	203.25
Sweden Kr	11.12	10.57
Switzerland Fr	2.675	2.545
USA $	1.78	1.69
Yugoslavia Dnr	4330	3530

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 106.2 (May)

London: The *FT* index closed up 3.5 at 1483.2.

AM



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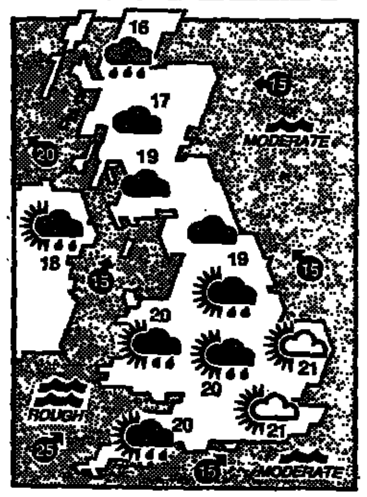

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 24C (75F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F) Humidity: 6 pm, 63 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.12 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.6 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.0 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.51 pm to 4.18 am
Bristol 10.00 pm to 4.28 am
Edinburgh 10.31 pm to 4.02 am
Manchester 10.11 pm to 4.15 am
Penzance 10.05 pm to 4.47 am

POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was zero. Forecast for today, high. For the next 24 hours call National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau: 0898 500431.

Sun rises: 4.48 am
Sun sets: 9.21 pm
Moon sets 6.11 am
Moon rises 11.06 pm
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Finningley, South Yorkshire, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Tenby, Dyfed, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Strathclyde, 9.6hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 11.30am, 6.15pm and 8.30pm

MANCHESTER

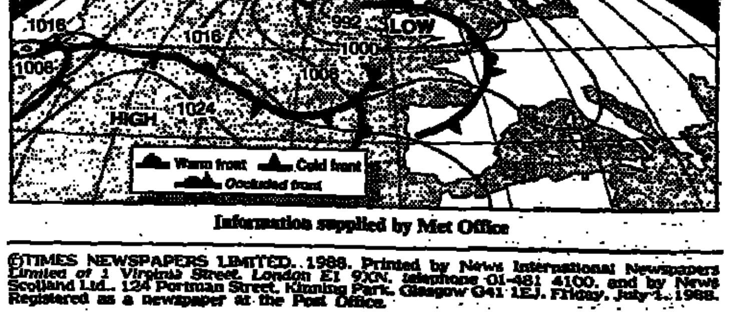
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 22C (72F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.22 in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	c	Guernsey	20	68	s
B'rmgham	20	68	c	Inverness	19	66	c
Blackpool	21	70	f	Jersey	22	72	s
Bristol	20	68	c	London	20	68	f
Cardiff	19	66	c	M'chster	20	68	c
Edinburgh	21	70	f	Newcastle	19	66	c
Glasgow	21	70	f	R'naldsway	14	57	c

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1483.2 (+3.5)	US dollar 1.7065 (−0.0035)
FT-SE 100 1857.6 (+2.5)	W German mark 3.0973 (−0.0277)
USM (Datastream) 160.91 (+1.44)	Trade-weighted 75.2 (−0.3)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

SIB post for Pru director

Mr Derek Fellows, a director and chief actuary at the Prudential Corporation, has been appointed a director of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB). He becomes a non-executive director of the SIB from August 1, but takes on the job full-time later this year. His appointment is for three years.

The SIB board has 15 members but until now only the posts of chairman and chief executive have been full-time ones.

MSI disposal

MS International has sold its mining equipment subsidiary to Dobson Park Industries for £12.5 million in cash in exchange for Dobson selling its 28.3 per cent interest in MS's shares to institutional shareholders. MS also revealed full-year pretax profits of £3.87 million (£1.06 million). The dividend was raised by 1.3p to 3.3p. **Tempus, page 24**

Tyzack sale

WA Tyzack, the engineer, has sold a property in Hamburg occupied by its March purchase, Alfred Gutmann, for DM3.15 million (£1 million). The proceeds will reduce borrowings taken on by Tyzack on buying Gutmann.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2129.09 (+7.11)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27769.40 (+162.07)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2671.49 (+23.27)
Amsterdam: Gen	263.8 (+0.2)
Sydney: AO	1551.3 (−9.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1435.1 (+2.3)
Brussels:	
General	4979.1 (+8.0)
Paris: CAC	357.8 (+2.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	468.5 (−1.9)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	963.01 (+2.11)
FT.— "500"	1052.00 (+2.24)
FT. Gold Mines	207.2 (+0.1)
FT. Fixed interest	97.56 (−0.04)
FT. Govt Secs	87.92 (−0.02)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Siebe	362½p (+13p)
Berkeley Govett	195p (+19p)
Int Thomson	885p (+28p)
Savoy Hotels 'A'	895p (+15p)
A Cohen	675p (+25p)
Parrish	195p (+10p)
Harris Queensway	169p (+12p)
Yale & Valor	383½p (+12p)
Sun Alliance	987½p (+10p)
Ruberoid	223½p (+11p)
GT Management	182½p (+12p)
UK Land	835p (+100p)
Arenson	180½p (+16p)
ERF	447½p (+32p)
Gestetner	201p (+10p)
Western Motor	569p (+16p)
FALLS:	
BPB Industries	275p (−13p)
Honda Motors	735p (−21p)
S Millar	192½p (−25p)
Cakebread Robey	125p (−15p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	24443

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9½%
3-month Interbank $10\frac{1}{16}$-10%
3-month eligible bills: $9\frac{19}{32}$-9½%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7⅞%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.57-6.55%*
30-year bonds $102\frac{19}{32}$-102½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7065	£: $1.7080*
£: DM3.0973	$: DM1.8170*
£: SwFr2.5891	$: SwFr1.5065*
£: FFr10.4557	$: FFr6.1260*
£: Yen227.99	$: Yen133.55*
£: Index:75.2	$: Index:97.7
ECU £0.667626	SDR £0.767213

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $436.85 pm-$436.55
close $435.50-436.00 (£255.50-256.00)
New York:
Comex $436.50-437.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug.) pm $14.80bbl ($14.80)
*Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: a 30 per cent expansion pushed Courts Furnishers (01660) up 28p while press comment boosted James Wilkes (02263) 17p and Arenson Group (03187) soared 16p after bid terms. London and Metropolitan (03016) won the County Hall development contract and shot up 9p.
- Recent additions include: Hi-tech Sports 03333; Reject Shop 03340; British Sugar 10¾% deb 03334.
- Calls are charged at 5p for 8 seconds peak and 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Irregular payments found

Liquidator of Clowes may sue Lloyds

By Lawrence Lever

A multi-million pound legal action against Lloyds Bank is being contemplated by lawyers acting for the liquidators of Barlow Clowes International in Gibraltar.

This follows the discovery of a series of irregular payments made from a Barlow Clowes account with Lloyds in Jersey. The account was intended to hold investors' money and was clearly designated as a "clients" account.

The payments from the bank account with Lloyds in St Helier, Jersey, were made over several years. They include payments for the hire of private jets, as well as for personal expenditure by directors of Barlow Clowes, the crashed investment group.

However, the account concerned, number 1656475, is clearly marked "Barlow Clowes & Partners SA Clients Call Account."

This was the principal bank account where investors in Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar arm of Barlow Clowes, had their money sent. The money was supposed to be invested in British government securities.

Instead millions of pounds have been diverted for irregular purposes.

One example being investigated is a payment of £25,400 which came out of the "Barlow Clowes & Partners SA Clients Call Account." It was payable to a company called Northern Executive Aviation Ltd.

The cheque, dated April 10, 1986, is signed by Dr Peter Naylor, one of the authorized signatories. Dr Naylor was closely involved with Barlow Clowes until his resignation from the company last year.

Ernst & Whinney, the joint liquidator of Barlow Clowes International, recently obtained a High Court order freezing the assets of two companies which have been linked to Dr Naylor.

Mr Isaac Marrache, the solicitor for Ernst & Whinney, pointed to the frequency and number of the irregular payments from the Lloyds account.

He said yesterday: "Lloyds Bank should have known what was happening. The Bank and the Jersey authorities should have taken more care. The question will be whether they owe a duty to the people who have been prejudiced."

Marrache & Co obtained a court order last week allowing it to take proceedings to locate and recover some £14 million still in the Jersey bank account with Lloyds.

However, Mr Marrache pointed out that he deliberately sought and obtained a wide-ranging order, which would enable the BCI liquidators to sue Lloyds to recover money that should not have been paid out of the account.

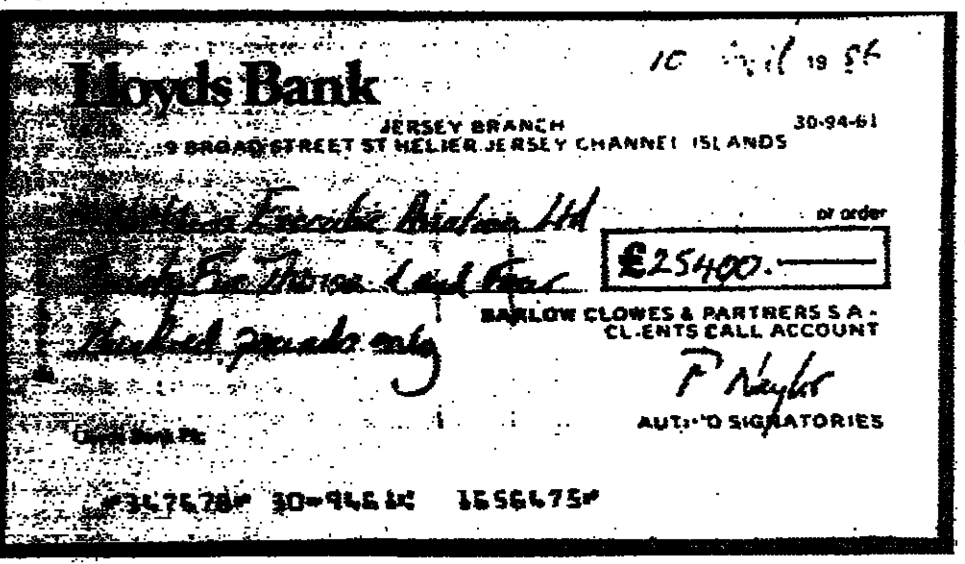
A Lloyds spokesman said the bank was co-operating with the BCI liquidators — a view not shared by Mr Marrache.

Midland Bank has also come under scrutiny since one of its banks in Jersey handled money belonging to investors in *BCI*.

However, while investigators are seeking evidence of irregular payments, it is believed that all payments from Midland went into the Lloyds bank account.

At least £138 million was invested in BCI. Apart from any legal action by the liquidators, the investors may also have a cause of action against the bank.

There are legal precedents involving mistaken payments — or wrongful payments out of a client's account — which appear to provide support for a legal action against the bank.



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[illegible]
£25400.—
BARLOW CLOWES & PARTNERS S.A. CLIENTS CALL ACCOUNT
P Naylor
AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES
347578 30-9461 1656475

The cheque for £25,400 drawn on Barlow Clowes' clients' account

Buckley's shares suspended

By Colin Campbell

Shares of Buckley's Brewery, in which Mr Peter Clowes and Mr Guy von Cramer took a controlling stake last October — but whose 53 per cent holding has been assumed by Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank — were suspended from the Stock Exchange lists yesterday at 160p.

The Welsh brewery said, through its newly appointed merchant bank, Morgan Grenfell, that results for the nine months ended December — originally due to be announced on Wednesday — had not yet been finalized. In order to avoid a false market in the shares, the company had made a request to the stock exchange for a temporary suspension.

The delay is understood to concern the classification of extraordinary and exceptional items, which could affect the final outcome.

Results from Buckley's are now expected in two to three weeks, and until they are announced the shares will remained suspended.

Buckley's suffered further boardroom resignations yesterday, following the resignation of Mr von Cramer this week.

Mr Andrew Lindsay, the corporate director, and Mr Andrew Fletcher, the finance director, resigned their Buckley's directorships in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

Mr Lindsay and Mr Fletcher are associates of Mr von Cramer. Both are connected — along with Mr von Cramer who is a director — with Bracken Nominees, which was included in a court injunction last week freezing Mr von Cramer's assets.

Opec wrangles push oil below $13

The tussle among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to increase their individual share of a dwindling market has forced spot oil prices in the Far East to under $13 a barrel and the North Sea oil price in London to under $15.

There is increased speculation that a further fall in prices will force Dr Subroto, the former Indonesian oil minister and the newly-appointed general secretary of Opec, to call a meeting of the organization's price monitoring committee within the next two weeks.

Dr Subroto said that, if necessary, he would call a meeting of the five-member committee made up of the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Algeria, Indonesia and Venezuela.

Most oil traders are now convinced that the downward spiral will continue unless Opec members make a public display of sticking to their quotas and end the recent round of price discounting.

Savoy rallies troops against Trusthouse Forte

Small investors hold key to the door

By Cliff Feltham

Shareholders in the luxury Savoy Hotel group, many unversed in high finance, will today be asked to pass judgement on allegations of financial chicanery stretching back 18 years.

The way they cast their votes could decide the future of the company. They can either clear the way for a full takeover of the company by its long-term predators Trusthouse Forte, or they can back the board and allow the establishment to remain independent for at least another 100 years.

The bitter wrangle between the two companies has erupted into the open over a transaction entered into by Sir Hugh Wontner, the Savoy's former chairman, in 1970.

Lord Forte, the Trusthouse Forte chairman — eagerly backed by his heir Rocco Forte — has spent £250,000 on legal fees to get to the truth of the deal. Savoy has spent twice that amount defending its position. At stake is a hotel group embracing the Savoy, Berkeley, Claridge's and the Connaught, valued on the market at more than £600 million.

The Fortes allege that in 1970 Sir Hugh Wontner negotiated the purchase of the small and exclusive Lancaster Hotel in Paris. He paid by issuing a significant block of high voting B shares in addition to those which were required to finance the acquisition.

Those high-voting B shares did not end up with the owner of the hotel but in a Swiss based company called La Foundation pour la Formation Hotelière (the Foundation) which was effectively controlled by Sir Hugh Wontner.

The shares, representing 5.7 per cent of the votes, are still owned by the Foundation. Sir Hugh and his board, the argument goes, have been able to rely on the block to give them control of the business and effectively halt any likely takeover.

Trusthouse, alleging the deal was fraudulent, has launched a legal action to have the shareholding cancelled. The case is due to be heard in the autumn. If successful it would help its chance of gaining control of the group. Trusthouse owns the majority of the equity but because of the two-tier capital structure can only muster 42.3 per cent of votes.

The Savoy board and its close supporters currently hold just more than 50 per cent. But if the controversial 5.7 per cent block is cancelled it will trim the board's holding back to 47.5 per cent while Trusthouse's votes will move up to 44.8 per cent. So the Savoy's majority is lost and Trusthouse will at last be able to bid with the real prospect of victory.

But the Savoy has struck back by calling a special shareholders meeting.

It is asking its shareholders — it really means the owners of the independent 7.6 per cent — to support a resolution aimed at stopping the legal proceedings.

The bulk of the 7 per cent stake is in the hands of about 2,000 small investors. Traditionally, small shareholders remain loyal to the incumbent board. But Trusthouse is hoping a sizeable number will be sufficiently disturbed by the circumstances of the Lancaster deal to vote for them. **Comment, page 25**

Waiting for the City's views: Sir John Read at the TSB headquarters yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)

TSB rise fails to impress City

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The TSB Group failed to stir the stock market yesterday despite a higher-than-expected interim pre-tax profit for the 26 weeks to April 30 of £212.2 million, an increase of 29.3 per cent.

After allowing for £25 million in profits on sales of gilt-edged stock, compared with £17 million last year, and a change in accounting for insurance operations, the results were in line with market expectations and the shares closed unchanged at 108p.

The results included a restatement of insurance profits on a new "value added" basis designed to bring forward profits which would otherwise be spread over several years. This added a one-off £23 million to profits this year and £19 million to last year's interim result calculated on the same basis.

TSB said that the new method of accounting was fairer and gave shareholders a clearer picture of actual insurance profits in any year. The interim result was depressed this time primarily because of the effect of the stock market crash.

Presenting the last set of results before his retirement, Sir John Read, the chairman, said that TSB was considering buying Girobank, the Post Office-linked bank which the Government is aiming to sell by the end of this year. It had indicated its interest, but serious bidding for Girobank has not yet begun.

One of the most surprising aspects of TSB's results was an unexpectedly strong performance from Hill Samuel, the merchant bank which TSB bought last year. It contributed profits of £30 million despite difficult market conditions since last October, causing no dilution of the group's earnings.

Sir John insisted that Hill Samuel's corporate finance department had performed particularly well, with a net addition of new clients since it became part of the group.

The TSB's banking operations produced a 39 per cent rise in profits, from £85.9 million to £119.4 million as lending to home buyers and commercial customers surged. Including Hill Samuel, advances rose by 38.5 per cent.

The group's other main profit centre, insurance and investment services, showed an increase of 42 per cent to £49.4 million.

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The TSB Group yesterday became the first large banking company to reveal the costs of compliance with the Financial Services Act. It has spent £3 million over the last six month in setting up systems to comply with the Act and expects to spend a further £2 million each year to maintain compliance.

De Savary looks at shipyard

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Peter de Savary's Highland Participants is closely studying a possible takeover of the Devon half of British Shipbuilders' Appledore-Ferguson yard, but is understood not to want the Scottish part based at Port Glasgow, industry sources said yesterday.

In another development, Mr William Scott, the chief executive of BS's deeply troubled North East Shipbuilders (NESL) on Wearside, said that he and Mr Joseph Knowles, the managing director at Clark Kincaid on the Clyde, hoped to finalize a buyout deal for Clark Kincaid next week.

BS confirmed approaches over Clark Kincaid and Appledore had been made. It is understood that both moves are being taken seriously with a good chance of succeeding.

Highland, whose shares were suspended on Monday pending an announcement, is expected to unveil a package of deals soon, which could include Appledore.

The Devon yard, sited on the Torridge Estuary, has been seen as one of the easier BS yards to dispose of. The turnover with Port Glasgow is about £25 million.

- Lloyds Bank yesterday denied reports that it was working on the £100 million finance for an order from Cuba for 10 cargo ships for the order-starved NESL.

Pressure rises for 10% base rate

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

A half-point rise in base rates to 10 per cent moved closer last night, as money market rates firmed after a Bundesbank-led round of European interest rate increases. The pound slumped by nearly three pfennigs to below DM3.10, removing an important constraint on the authorities.

Dealers expect the Bank of England to delay until next week the fifth increase in base rates in the current attempt to tighten policy — but a move could come today.

The Bundesbank increased its official discount rate from 2.5 to 3 per cent, and also raised the rate for its next securities repurchase pact, to be carried out next week, from 3.5 to 3.75 per cent.

Central banks of Switzerland, Austria, Belgium and The Netherlands also raised key interest rates.

The pound was still affected by the record trade deficit for May, and reassuring comments from the Chancellor on the current account had little impact. The pound closed 2.8 pfennigs down at DM3.0973, and fell by a third of a cent to $1.7065. The sterling index fell by 0.3 of a point to 75.2.

In the money markets, the three-month interbank rate closed at $10\frac{1}{16}$-10 per cent, up ⅛ of a point on the day and clearly discounting a 10 per cent level of base rates.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Triplex Lloyd doubles its results to £4.58m

Triplex Lloyd, the West Midlands engineering, building components and services group, shows more than doubled pre-tax profits of £4.58 million (£2.06 million) for the year ended March 31. *The final dividend rises from 2.5p to 3.25p* a share, making 4.5p (3.25p) for the year.

A divisional breakdown of pre-interest profits shows *building components contributed £2.32 million*, foundries £1.95 million, engineering and services £1.28 million, and steel £323,000. Continuing prospects for increased profits are *excellent, the board says*, adding that the "future for the company is bright". Shareholders are to be given the opportunity to receive dividends in the form of shares rather than cash. The shares were steady at 195p on results.

McAlpine in £2.4m sell-off

Alfred McAlpine is selling two timber businesses to *Phoenix Timber for £2.4* million. Phoenix will retain the management of the com*panies, CH Smith* and Charles Jones, which will operate from Stoke-on-*Trent. Intergroup loans of* £1.6 million will be repaid. McAlpine is to concentrate *on construction*, housebuilding and minerals.

Estate agent jumps 82%

Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the commercial estate *agent*, raised pre-tax profits by 82 per cent to £5.4 million for the year just ended. Turnover went up by 23 per cent to £20.8 million. Earnings per share are 12.64p *against* 7.42p, an increase of 70 per cent. Shareholders collect a final dividend of 3.5p making a total for the year of 5p.

TNT Pacific issue

TNT Pacific Finance is issuing a Aus$150 million (£69.57 million) convertible Eurobond due on July 27, 1998 with an *indicated coupon of 9 per cent and par pricing*. The issue is guaranteed by TNT. The expected conversion premium is 15 per cent to 16 per cent. Final terms will be set by next Friday.

***The issue is callable at 105 per cent falling by 1 per cent per* annum to par, but is not callable for five years unless the share price exceeds the conversion price by 130 per cent. The issue is *available in denominations of* Aus$5,000 and Aus$25,000 and will be listed in Luxembourg.**

Broker shuts NZ office

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroker, said in Wellington yesterday that it was leaving New Zealand as part of its decision to cut back inter*nationally*. Its Auckland-based office would close on July 31.CSV, which opened *its new Zealand office* last July, is the 11th broker to close there since the October crash.

Meyer update to cost £14m

Meyer International is spending £14 million on installing a computerized *information* system at Jewson, its chain of timber and builders' merchants, to be completed early in the next decade. Computers will be located at each Jewson branch to support *VDUs and point of sale* terminals. The central computer at Jewson's Norwich head office will be replaced.

$173m sale by Bond

Bond Corporation Holdings said in Perth, Australia, that its *US subsidiary, G Heileman Brewing Co, had completed the* sale of its baking operation to RT Holdings, the Belgian sugar producer, for US$173.5 million (£101.5 million).

Bond had announced the sale in May but did not disclose the price, beyond saying Heileman sold both its baking and snack food operations for a price equivalent to Aus$250 million. It then declined to name the snack food operation's *buyer. Proceeds will be used to reduce the acquisition debt for* Heileman, Bond said.

TEMPUS

Dull TSB holds long-term promise

The TSB Group's *achievement* over the last 18 months should not be underestimated — wrenching itself away *from* a cosy but limited existence as a savings bank towards a *riskier and more complex* life as a diversified financial services company.

Inevitably, it has been difficult for the stock market to know how to treat the group. Every set of TSB results is so peppered with pro forma figures, after the latest acquisition or accounting change, that making sensible comparisons with the last lot of results is a nightmare.

This should be less of a problem from now on. Further big acquisitions are unlikely, and the TSB hopes its accounting methods have now settled into a more permanent form. This includes the somewhat suspect change to value-added accounting on the life insurance side.

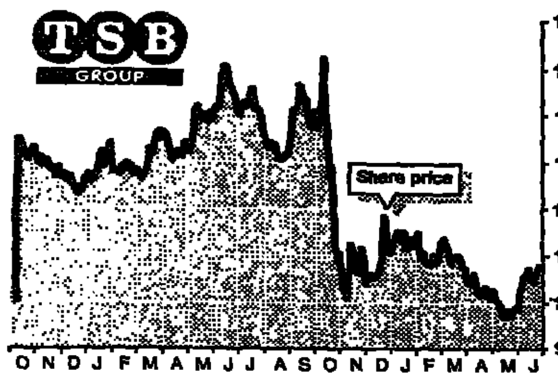
Yet the TSB still fails to inspire. The 29 per cent increase in interim profits is respectable, not dramatic. It was considerably helped by profits on gilt-edged sales of some £25 million — about £10 *million more than the market* had expected.

Not too surprising, then, *that the share price failed to* move up from the 108p opening level. With full-year profit prospects of *anything* up to £450 million, and earnings per share of about 19p, the TSB is on an undemanding p/e of less than 6. It is not unattractive, but nothing to shout about.

On the other hand, there are stirrings of a TSB appreciation *society emerging in the stock* market, based on an assessment of long-term perfor*mance. Citicorp Scrimgeour* Vickers is optimistically predicting a pre-tax profit of more *than £1 billion* by 1992, with earnings per share growth twice that of the other clearers.

Though this kind of long-term view is alien to most of the stock market these days, it *may* be the right approach for a bank in such transition. It assumes, for example, that the *TSB's costs will cease to rise* at the annual 15 to 20 per cent rate of recent years. The *current rise is mainly* the result of new business development and acquisitions.

The TSB has a portfolio of attractive businesses. It paid too much for Hill Samuel, but the merchant bank has turned in a creditable performance this time and seems to be fitting well into the group. Insurance operations are also strong, while the basic branch banking business continues to *move ahead at least in line* with its peers. The TSB likes to say Yes — but you have to *be very patient.*



MS Int

Some deals, they say, are made in heaven. Simultaneously selling MS International's mining equipment division to Dobson Park Industries and dispersing Dobson Park's 28.3 per cent *shareholding in MS International* looks like one of them.

At a stroke, Dobson gets the part of MS it really wanted when it launched its unsuccessful bid this year, while MS gets an attractive price for what it clearly regarded as a millstone around its neck. Meanwhile, the threat that Dobson might come back for another bite at the MS cherry *next March has gone.*

MS's profits from mining *equipment had been declining* since 1986 when the contribution after interest charges and *before tax peaked at £2.1* million. In the year just ended, the profit contribution had *fallen to just £635,000.* MS would have to be very inept indeed not to be able to *improve on this just by* putting its £7.6 million of net cash sale receipts on deposit.

But the cash is unlikely to remain on deposit for long. Initially, acquisitions will be in areas related to its remaining divisions, defence and electrical equipment and mechanical engineering. Since they will be made for cash, there will be an immediate impact on the earnings per share. But it is *clear that* MS will *not be content* to stop there and will be looking to new areas to achieve its am*bition of a market valuation of* £100 million within five years.

The analysts are looking for *the group* to make £4.5 million pretax this year, a 16 per cent increase on the year just ended. The prospective multiple is just 9.8 and the shares should enjoy a *rerating as its* acquisition programme starts.

BPB

At *first glance*, the figures from BPB Industries were a trifle disappointing. Against the backdrop of a mild British winter and strong demand, many expected a stronger *performance*, hence the 5 per cent drop in the share price.

Yet exceptional factors, *such as the write-down of a* Zimbabwean business and the relocation of a British paper *products unit, reduced profits* by a couple of million pounds while a price war in The *Netherlands further* dented paper and packaging results.

With a March year-end, BPB was poorly placed for translating overseas earnings and suffered a £7 million reduction in pre-tax profits. This was offset by an eight-month contribution of £6.5 million from Rigips in West *Germany.*

Demand for plasterboard throughout Europe is well up. *The British* market has been especially strong and is showing no signs of abating.

Last year, *British volumes* were 13 per cent up and a similar increase has been experienced so far this year. Thus, with an April price increase already under its belt, BPB *should* continue to make sound progress.

Even so, if dull commod*ities such as cement* have seen volume rises of 16 per cent so far this year, some might consider BPB's performance pedestrian.

The competition is hotting up but *the buoyancy* of the market should allow everyone to make a reasonable living.

*Despite spending £70 mil*lion on fixed assets last year, BPB improved its balance sheet, which now *contains £50* million of net cash.

The threat of competition in its primary market has eroded *BPB's premium rating* and, to date, there is no sign of this being recovered.

Yet, even at *the lower end* of the *wide spectrum* of 1988-89 forecasts, ranging between £205 million and £240 mil*lion, the* shares are selling on a p/e ratio of only 8.6 times. There may be some scope for modest *appreciation* from these levels.

Swiss insider trading law takes effect today

Zurich (Reuter) — A new law making insider trading a crim*inal offence in* Switzerland comes into effect today following the US Securities and Exchange *Commission* investigations into Swiss links with possible illegal dealings in American stocks.

So far this year, the SEC has asked Switzerland for assistance in investigating six cases of *possible insider trading*, said Mr Peter Forstmoser, a law professor who heads an independent Swiss panel that oversees the SEC requests.

In 1982 Switzerland agreed to co-operate with the SEC on *investigating alleged insider* trading in US stocks via Swiss banks.

This allowed American regulators to obtain Swiss legal assistance in lifting its strict bank secrecy rules to track down alleged insider cases.

The most famous of this year's cases involves possible insider trading in Sterling Drug Inc shortly before the *Swiss chemical company*, F Hoffmann-La Roche & Co. launched a $4.2 billion (£2.49 billion) hostile takeover bid on January 4.

Mr Forstmoser, who has led the campaign for making insider trading a criminal of*fence for more than a decade*, declined to identify the other five investigations, but said *they were minor*, not involving well-known companies.

Mr Anton Keller, a spokesman for the Swiss Investors Protection Association, called the new law a "lex Americana" that the US had forced on Switzerland.

France's senior service

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's poor performance in training extends to service industries as well as manufacturing, according to a report out today from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

The report, based on a study of *training in retailing in* Britain and France, concludes that nine times the number of retailing employees have attained an equivalent training qualification in France compared with Britain.

A *similar study, published* this year, found that Britain lagged well behind in training engineering craftsmen and technicians, with France producing three times the number of trained fitters and elec*tricians as Britain.*

The authors of the retailing study, *Two Nations of Shopkeepers: Training for Retailing in France and Britain*, concede *that success in retailing* often owes as much to personal qualities as technical qualifications.

However, they add, the breadth and high standards of retail training in France are impressive and, unlike in *Britain, training there* includes relevant details of individual products and how to present them.

"The *reason* British shop assistants so often know hardly anything about what they are *selling* is that no one *has ever taught them*," the report says.

The report criticizes British training standards in this area *for their limited scope.* Qualifications are said to be mainly skill-based — for example handling cheques correctly — but exclude broader educa*tional objectives.*

"The French system regards *vocational courses as a means* of raising the general educational standards of many who would otherwise not benefit from any form of education after compulsory schooling, and of those who have fallen behind while at school.

"*The object is to provide* preparation not only for the immediate job of the trainee, but also to provide him or her with a better basis for subsequent jobs in a technologically evolving world."

The danger with training in Britain *is that it will produce a* "certificated semi-literate underclass" the report says, with limited flexibility and limited *possibilities for progress.*

P&O sets up ADR facility

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company (P&O), the big shipping-to-*leisure group, announced* yesterday that it had established a sponsored American Depository Receipt (ADR) *facility* to *make* overseas trading in its shares easier.

Each American Depository Receipt *will* represent two units of the company's deferred stock.

The American Depository Receipts will be traded on the over-the-counter market in the United States to begin with.

P&O's charter limits foreign ownership of its shares to 25 per cent, but only 4 per cent is currently in the hands of foreign owners.

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Steel writ delayed

By Colin Narbrough

The heads of the West German steel industry have delayed a decision on whether to start legal action against the huge subsidies paid to British Steel, and have given their lawyers more time to "fine-tune" a draft writ.

This emerged yesterday after a meeting of the steel chiefs on Wednesday which had been expected to decide whether the industry would proceed with its threatened law suit against the European Commission

West Germany's largely private sector steel industry sees the £8.3 billion paid to BS in subsidy as a breach of Community law as it allows a debt-free and streamlined BS to compete unfairly against West German mills.

Under EEC procedure, the West Germans have until about the middle of this month to submit the writ to the European Court of Justice, after the rejection of a complaint to Brussels.

COMPANY BRIEFS

HEY & CROFT (int) *Pre-tax:* £0.35 (£0.24)m *EPS:* 3.08 (2.4)p *Div:* 1.5 (nil)p	Turnover £5.50 (£4.84)m. Product demands remain strong. New sites purchased. Planning permission for 161 units.
CHEMOXY INTNL (fin) *Pre-tax:* £0.56 (£0.44)m *EPS:*18.3 (14.2)p *Div:* 3.9 mkg 5.75p	Turnover £7.74 (£6.72)m. Company trading consistently well, with expectations for a successful year of growth.
STANCO (fin) *Pre-tax:* £0.81 (£0.34)m *EPS:* 2.70 (1.07)p *Div:*	*Turnover £6.34 (£3.31)m.* If thought fit, the board will pay 0.4p dividend in September.
STAKS (fin) *Pre-tax:* £0 23 (£0.10)m *EPS:* 0.85 (0.41)p *Div:* nil	Turnover £6.89 (£4.63)m. Current trading at existing 24 shops is good. Board expects further year of progress.
SYLTONE (fin) *Pre-tax:* £1.66 (£1.21)m *EPS:* 26.43 (21.34)p *Div:* 7.5 (6.4)p	Turnover £24.73 (£22.93)m. Manufacture of new products in Britain & US progressing well.
WALKER & STAFF (fin) *Pre-tax:* £3.50 (£3.63)m *EPS:* 9.7 (12.0)p *Div:* 2.5 (2.22)p	*Turnover £6.70 (£5.89)m.*
THROGM TRUST (int) *Pre-tax:* £4.79 (£4.00)m *EPS:* 5.75 (4.69)p *Div:* 4 (2.75)p	NAV 523.1 (572.8)p. Company anticipates total dividend to be not less than that of previous year.

National Westminster Bank PLC

NatWest announces that
with effect from Friday,
1st July, 1988,
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HK set to impose reform on market

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong government will bring in new laws to *control the Stock Exchange* if the Crown Colony's stockbrokers refuse to accept the recommendations of the Securities Review Committee.

The brokers are due to meet on July 20 to discuss the *findings of the hard-hitting* report. They will be asked to vote on a proposal to turn *their powerful committee into* a Stock Exchange council which will include outsiders for the first time.

But if the stockbrokers do not come up with the 75 per cent majority needed to pass *the proposal, the government* is prepared to use its legislative powers to clean up the *exchange, which the* Hay Davison report said was run like "a private club" before the stock market crash.

The *government* threat follows criticism of the report by the Hong Kong Stockbrokers Association, which has already issued a circular to its members suggesting they *should not vote to abolish* their committee.

The chairman of the association, Mr *Henry Wu, said the* report was contradictory in some areas and "too idealistic".

The *association* does not want its powerful Stock Exchange management com*mittee*, now dominated by local Chinese stockbrokers, to be opened up to outside experts and overseas brokers, something the review committee felt was vital to restore confidence in Hong Kong as a *serious financial* centre.

The *committee suggested* the formation of a new council with 22 members: one would *be the chief executive, 16* would be individual and corporate brokers, and five would be independent members, of whom at least one should be a director of a listed company and one a fund manager.

The government has decided that the new chairman of the Stock Exchange will be one of the five lay members, *ideally a Chinese "elder statesman"* who will instil confidence in the new council.

Mr Wu said: "We *think it is* unnecessary to have lay members directly involved in the *council's business.*"

Banks 'over-exposed'

A number of banks and other financial institutions in Hong Kong were over-exposed to customers with margin accounts at the time of the October crash, said Mr Tony Nicolle, the banking commissioner.

Mr Nicolle said in his 1987 annual report that 4 per cent, *or HK$14 billion (£1.05 billion)*, of all loans outstanding in Hong Kong at the end of *October* were to margin customers. The figures were "disturbingly large," he said.

Credit extended to stockbrokers, not including loans to margin customers, totalled *HK$10.5 billion.* But Mr Nicolle said that for most institutions, the problems arising from the crash were contained within their income.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
ASW	165
Acal	148
Appleby Westward	149 +2
Arthur Shaw	111 −1
Bergersen A	£26⅜ −1/16
Bergersen B	£26⅝ +1/16
Colroy	163
Conroy Pet	61 −1
Dauphin	110 −1
Drayton Far Eastm	274 +2
Eurocopy	97 −2
First Iberian	£5½ −⅛
Gandalf Tech	£7 1/16
HPC Group	111
Herring Sun (150p)	152 +1
Hi-Tec (25p)	160
Jackson Group	115
Kymmene Corp	£18 9/16 +¼
Morris Ashby (90p)	93
Needler Group	98 +2
Recham Env (195p)	238
Sanderson Elec	136 +1
Scot Ice Rink	83 +1
Reject Shop	156
TGI (130p)	143
Tams (John)	90 −1
Thorntons (125p)	133 +1
Wardell Rob	58
Waterman Part (140p)	131
Young Gp (145p)	170 −1

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Grand Cent N/P	2
Hunterprint N/P	18
Kelt Energy N/P	59 +3
Kwik-Fit N/P	1½ +¼
Nat Aust Bk N/P	54 −2
Select App N/P	31 −2
Westpac Bk N/P	74 −5

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	9.50%
BCCI	9.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	9.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.50%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.50%
TSB	9.50%
Citibank NA	9.50%

BPB reports 26% rise and plans to build new plasterboard plant

By Alexandra Jackson

BPB Industries, Britain's only domestic manufacturer of plasterboard, is planning to build a new plant at Sharpness, near Bristol.

The project will redeploy a production line from the group's plant at Robertsbridge in Sussex, and will use natural gypsum mined from BPB's mines at East Leake, Nottinghamshire. It should be *operating by 1990.*

The plant will increase BPB's capacity to about 200 million square metres of plasterboard a year.

Mr Brian Hogben, BPB's *finance director, said the exact* cost of the plant was not yet established, although he doubted it would involve investing more than £10 million.

"We are doing this to improve our service to customers in the West Country," he said. "By using existing plant and our own gypsum we will ensure our cost base is low."

City commentators see this investment, however, as a direct response to Redland's decision to build two greenfield plasterboard plants in Britain in a joint venture with CSR, the Australian company. One of them is also near Bristol. The private West German company, Knauf, is also building a plasterboard plant at Sittingbourne in Kent.

Both Redland and Knauf are establishing a presence in this country by importing *plasterboard from Europe.* Imports last year accounted for 6 per cent of a market which produced 150 million square metres of plasterboard.

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Mr Robert Napier, managing director of Redland, said: "I don't know whether this is a genuine plan or mere sabre-rattling, but we are very serious about our projects.

"Work has already started in the West Country and we are planning another plant on the east coast. We aim to be the number two in this country after BPB."

BPB reported a 26 per cent increase in pre-tax profits of *£182.3 million for the year to* end-March. This was below market expectations, so the shares lost 13p to 275p.

A final dividend of 5.5p makes a total of 8.5p, up 36 per cent. Earnings per share advanced from 23.1p to 28.8p. Exchange rate losses knocked at least £7 million off profits although acquisitions added £6.5 million.

Sales advanced from £750.5 million to £869.7 million. Of this, £153.6 million came from paper and packaging activities, up from £147.8 million.

Britain and the Irish Repub*lic are the largest operating* regions with sales of £514.5 million, up from £444.8 million. The rest of Europe enjoyed growth in turnover from £199.2 million to £260.3 million.

High-flyer prepares for USM landing

By Cliff Feltham

Iain Shearer, a former airline pilot, will become a multi-millionaire when the property company he launched after leaving BA is floated on the Unlisted Securities Market. Phillips & Drew, the broker, is offering 27 per cent of the company, Broadwell Land, for sale at 155p a share, valuing the business at almost £40 million. Mr Shearer's own 16 per cent stake will be worth £6.4 million.

Mr Shearer, aged 39, became involved in converting and refurbishing residential properties in and around London in the early 1980s.

About 500 investors who put £5 million into his company under a Business Expansion Scheme have seen the value of their original stake multiplied eight times.

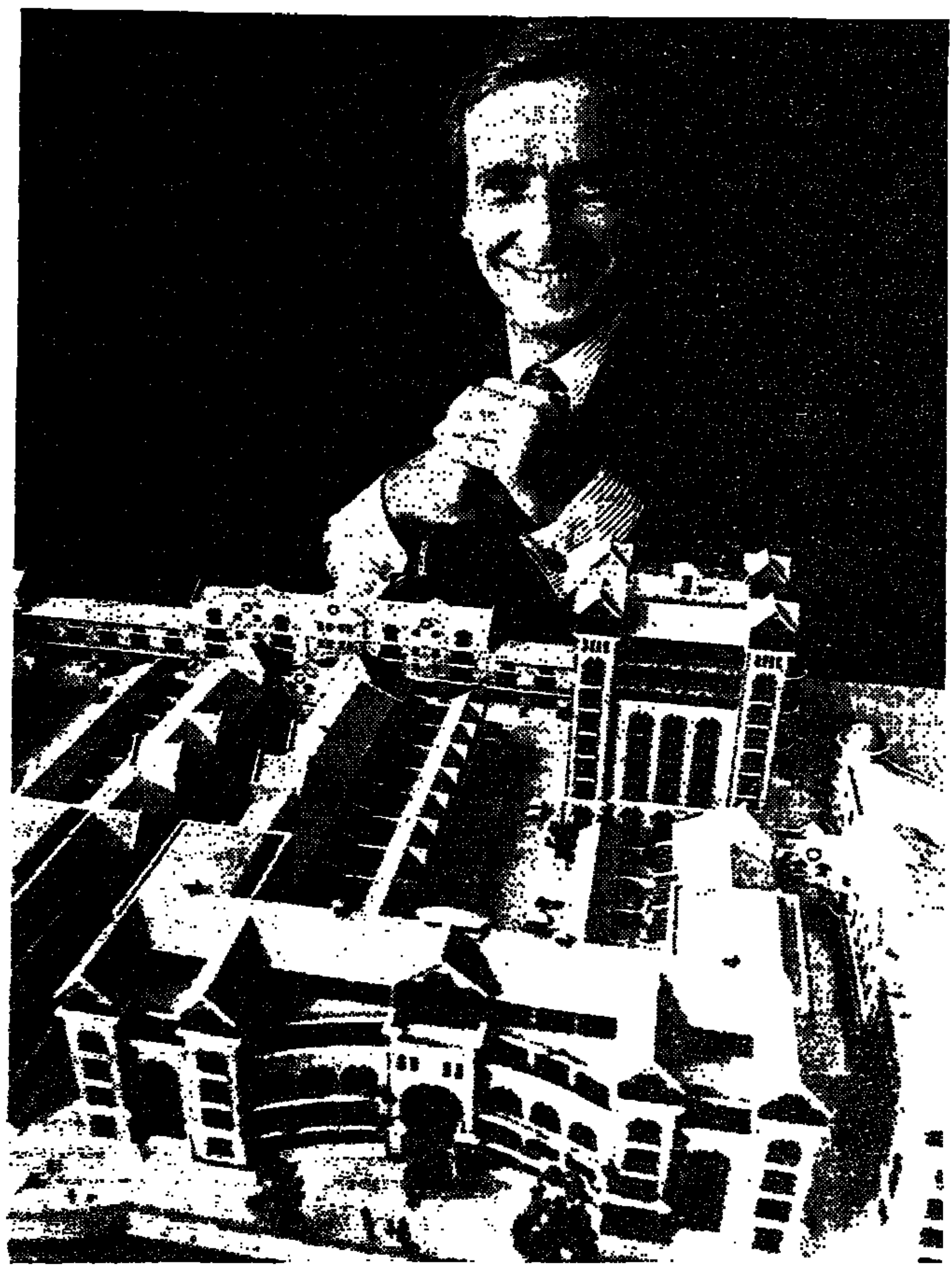
Broadwell has built up an active commercial property programme. Its biggest project is the 750,000 sq ft complex of shops, houses, and offices at London's Plantation Wharf in Battersea.

Turnover has gone up from £350,000 in 1985 to £17 million in the year just ended. Pre-tax profits over the same period are up from £4,000 to £4.1 million.

The company has put together a development portfolio of 17 projects totalling 1.5 million sq ft worth an estimated £260 million.

Of the 7 million shares being offered, 620,514 are being sold by existing shareholders and the balance issued to raise £9.5 million.

At the offer price, the price/earnings multiple, based upon historic earnings per share of 14.71p, is 10.54.



Broad smiles: Iain Shearer with a model of his wharf project (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Courts up to £10m on strong demand

By Colin Campbell

Courts (Furnishers), benefiting from strong British demand in both its high street outlets and its Mammoth Superstores, achieved pre-tax profits of £10 million in the year to March 31, compared with £7.75 million previously, on turnover up from £96.9 million to £123.5 million.

The group proposes a one-for-five scrip issue, making the final dividend of 3.15p effectively 20 per cent higher. The interim dividend was earlier raised from 1.75p to 2p.

Stock market reaction was to lift Courts' ordinary shares from 255p to 280p, and Courts A shares from 180p to 205p.

The group, operating from 14 superstores and planning to expand, is undertaking a big refurbishment of its high street furnishing stores.

The group made property profits of £1.54 million (£1.87 million), which have been included in operating profits that rose from £11.5 million to £16.6 million, and adds that after a property revaluation, net asset value at March 31 was 336p a share. "It is clear that values have risen further since then, and this gives increased strength to our balance sheet," Courts says.

The pre-tax profit is struck after an increased transfer of £3.47 million (£2.11 million) to a deferred profits reserve.

Overseas profits were hit by exchange rates to the extent of £798,000, and by transfers to the deferred profit reserve on hire-purchase sales.

Trading was good in Jamaica, Mauritius and Singapore, but slipped in Fiji.

COMMENT

Savoy needs a white knight to beat THF

Today's battle of wills between Trusthouse Forte and the Savoy promises to be one of the high dramas which the City stages so well. The underlying issue is control of four hotels which are among the best in London and, therefore, the world. The outcome will be desperately close. The Savoy and its charmed circle of close supporters have clung tenaciously to a slim majority of votes over the years. One predator after another, dazzled by the group's glittering assets, has challenged the controlling interests and sooner or later retired hurt and defeated.

Passions will run high. The dismissive attitude taken by Savoy's former chairman, Sir Hugh Wontner, to all of the raiders and to Lord Forte in particular has ensured that. Savoy's loyal small shareholders have an apparently unshakeable belief that the unquestioned excellence of their company is doomed if control changes hands. A mere 7 per cent of the voting shares represents the balance of power.

But the event has a symbolic value only. The business before the meeting is a special resolution aimed at stopping the legal proceedings embarked upon by THF with a view to disenfranchising a key block of less than 6 per cent of he votes. But even if the meeting goes in favour of the Savoy management, the war continues. THF has said that if it suffers a moral defeat today, the pursuit of victory through the courts will continue. Last night, the view in the City was that Savoy will scrape home. But the next twists and turns in the saga may prove even more tortuous.

THF has said it will mount a full-*scale bid for the Savoy if its court* actions are successful. For then the ruling group of shareholders will see their stake dip below the 50 per cent voting level for the first time. But THF has quite honourably made it clear it is not interested in paying the current feverishly high market price of Savoy's shares. Mr Rocco Forte has even guaranteed that THF would make a general offer to all shareholders should he acquire control through market *purchases. Those undertakings have* been given in such unequivocal terms that the Takeover Panel would have no option but to enforce them.

THF's holding, more than 42 per cent of the votes, rules out any third-party intervention — unless as a white knight with the support of Savoy's ruling concert party. Even after the dust settles on today's events, Savoy's best chance of seeing off THF is an agreed sale to some as yet unnamed third party. There will be no shortage of volunteers.

Double-figure yields near

One base-rate rise a week is a controlled tightening of monetary policy, two would smack of panic. So get ready for another dose of controlled tightening, to take base rates up to 10 per cent, next week.

The latest piece of news to percolate through to the markets is that M0, the *Chancellor's* favoured monetary aggregate, is about to leap far above the official target range. In normal circumstances this would be greeted with mild amusement in the markets. In the present situation it merely confirms that the economy is powering ahead far too strongly.

Armed with the Bank of England's final weekly return for June, out yesterday, analysts have come up with the news that the 12-month growth rate of *M0* will be 7.5 per cent — up from 5.7 per cent in May. Part of the increase reflects the comparison with a year ago, but a lot, according to Glenn Davies at CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, reflects the additional boost to the economy provided by the Budget tax cuts. The target range for M0, it may be recalled, is 1 per cent to 5 per cent.

Events, both at home and abroad, are conspiring to push interest rates here substantially higher. It may be that they are being pushed to levels which it will not be necessary to maintain in the longer term. But the price to be paid for limiting overshooting on the exchange rate may be to overshoot on interest rates.

Yesterday's Euro-tightening of monetary policy, led by the Bundesbank and followed by Austria, Switzerland and The Netherlands, may not be the last word. The Bundesbank echoed the *point made in this column on Monday,* that the post-crash easing of monetary policy by the leading central banks has run its course to the point of risking an upturn in inflation.

The impact on the mark-dollar rate of the discount rate increase from 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent, and the "repo" increase from 3.5 per cent to 3.75 per cent, was negligible. Like the Bank of England, the Bundesbank is caught in the dilemma whereby rate moves are well signalled to avoid adverse market reaction, but for this reason also fail to achieve desired market reaction.

The "teenage scribblers" in the gilt market, to use a Nigel Lawson phrase — many of whom were formerly employed in the Treasury as his officials — are now looking towards a significant upward move in yields. Two weeks ago, long gilts appeared to be stuck in a yield range of 9.25 per cent to 9.5 per cent.

Yields have now moved up to 9.75 per cent and are poised to go higher. When base rates move up to *10* per cent or beyond, double-figure gilt yields cannot be far behind.

Drinks groups face £1bn complaint

By Our City Staff

Three of Britain's leading drinks companies — Grand Metropolitan, Guinness and Allied-Lyons — face a potential £1.2 billion fine if a complaint lodged with the European Commission alleging the three have breached EEC regulations is upheld.

Irish Distillers, the maker of Jameson's and a range of other whiskeys, is fighting a hostile collective bid from the three drinks companies which they have structured through the specially formed company, GC&C Brands.

Mr Joe McCabe, the chairman of Irish Distillers, who called the bidders "an unholy alliance," has now lodged a complaint about the bid with the Irish authorities. He has also asked the EEC to fine the bid partners up to the legally permitted maximum 10 per cent of their combined turnover for allegedly violating European Community law.

The combined 1987 turnover of GrandMet, Allied-Lyons and Guinness was £12 billion, which implies a potential maximum fine of £1.2 billion.

GC&C Brands, which has offered 315p a share, valuing the group at £168 million, says it has "noted" the attempt to stop its bona fide offer.

Irish Distillers claims that the three groups have violated *Article 85 of the Treaty of* Rome by joining forces in a collective attempt to acquire the company.

"It is clear that each of the groups is itself a potential acquirer of the company. Therefore their concerted action prevents competition that might otherwise occur between independent companies seeking to strengthen their position through a corporate acquisition."

Irish Distillers has lodged an additional complaint with the Irish Minister for Industry and Commerce, the tenor of which is that a takeover of Irish Distillers would give GC&C Brands a dominant position in the drinks market *which would be contrary to* the interests of both the drinks industry and consumers in Ireland.

"In short, they have prevented or substantially reduced the prospects of any competitive bid being made.

"If the acquisition goes ahead, it will result in the abusive strengthening of the dominant position the consortium members collectively and individually hold in the EC, contrary to Article 86," Irish Distillers adds.

Asking the European Commission to impose a fine, the company asserts that "there would be a serious violation" of Article 85 of the Treaty of Rome if the ac*quisition is allowed*

Boots sells shopfitter for £9.5m

By Our City Staff

Boots, the retail chemist, is selling its shopfitting operation, based at Eastwood, Nottingham, to Havelock Europa, the Paisley shopfitting and design group, for £9.5 million in cash.

Boots is guaranteeing orders for a minimum of £26 million will be placed with the enlarged group over the next three years, of which £10 million will come in the first 12 months.

Boots' shopfitting business, which dates back to the 1920s, carried out work worth £9.5 million for the group in the year to end-March.

Havelock is estimating pre-tax profits for the year to April 22 will be about £4 million, up from £3.12 million, with a final dividend of 6p raising the total from 6.5p to 8.6p.

It is funding the deal by placing 3.75 million new shares at *280p*, the majority to be offered back to existing shareholders on a three-for-10 basis, to raise £10.5 million before expenses.

Payout at lossmaker Airtours

By Our City Staff

Airtours, the Lancashire-based tour operator specializing in low-priced package holidays, has declared a maiden interim dividend even though the pre-tax loss for the six months ended March 31 increased from £2.99 million to £4.49 million.

The company came to the *stock market in March, 1987,* after a placing at 180p a share. Yesterday the shares were 1p easier on results at 103p.

The interim payout is 1.35p a share, and the company says the half-time loss is not unexpected because of the seasonal nature of its activities.

Mr David Crossland, the chairman, says there were very difficult trading conditions in the interim period. *Half-time* turnover was £17.8 million against £15.5 million in the first half of the previous year and £68.3 million in the previous full year.

Avesco presents record £3m

By Martin Waller

Avesco, the television services company, yesterday announced record pre-tax profits for the year to end-March of £3.18 million, up from £1.23 million, on turnover virtually doubled to £16.01 million from £8.37 million.

The company has also announced plans to move up to a full listing from the USM, although no new shares will be issued.

About £1 million of the profit improvement came from the year's main acquisition, Cameron Communications, a distributor to the video industry. This purchase set Avesco firmly in three areas: products, services and distribution, eachcontributing equally to earnings.

Also bought during the year was the company's fourth mobile outdoor video screen, costing more than £1 million.

Two screens were shipped to Canada for the Calgary Winter Olympics, and Avesco is supplying the screens for this summer's tours by Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen, the pop stars.

No acquisitions are imminent, said Mr Richard Murray, the chairman.

The dividend for the yearis up 50 per cent to 0.75p.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Time for a proper job

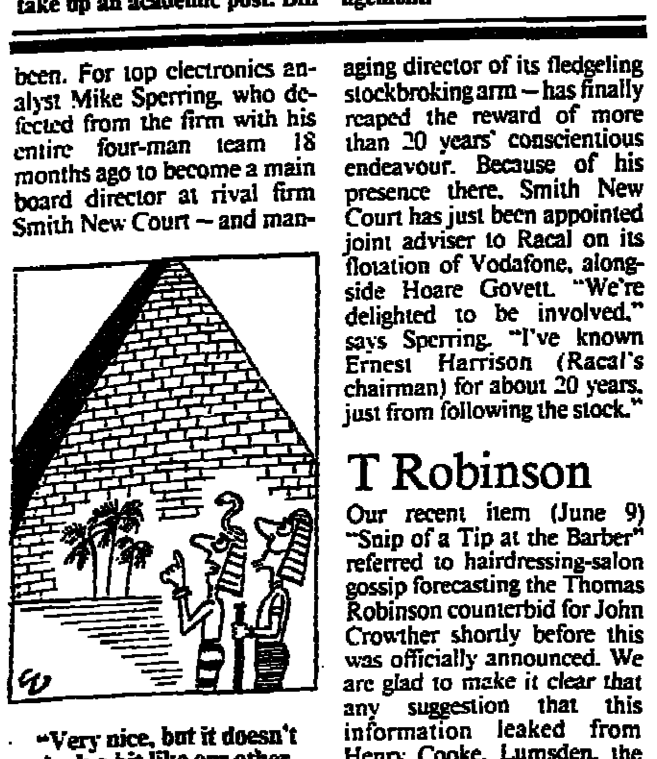
There must be something in the air at Greenwell Montagu, or perhaps in the City since last October's crash. Bill Allen, one of the characters of the gilt-edged market and capable of talking the hind legs off a donkey, is leaving to pursue a career as a writer. Two weeks ago his colleague, Kevin Boakes, an economist, announced his departure to take up an academic post. Bill now tells me that after 20 years in the Stock Exchange he realized that he was not able to take stockbroking seriously and that it was time to get a proper job. A "not-at-all serious" book on the City is almost complete and novels are planned. He will keep his links with the Square Mile, however, as a director of Burrage Unit Trust Management.

Flying to the top at Heron

Gerald Ronson, head of Heron International, the privately owned property-to-garages group, has, it seems, chosen an heir apparent. Alan Goldman, a close personal friend and a director of the company for 14 years has been made deputy chief executive — his official number two. Goldman, aged 44, and a partner with the small City accountancy firm S Brief & Co before he joined Heron, first met Ronson when he came to audit his first few sets of accounts. "It was just a tiny company then, employing four people," Goldman recalls fondly. It now has 3,000 employees scattered all around the world. "I've known Gerald for 25 years in all and, of course, we've become good friends," he says. "It's been great fun." Goldman had, for many years, shared the responsibilities of finance director with Michael Marks, who was in turn recently made group commercial director. The position as finance director now goes to Lance Trevellyan, aged 34, who is joining the board of Heron Corporation, its main UK company. Trevellyan was, until last December, head of asset and liability management at Midland Bank

Mike's big call

Scrimgeour Vickers, the beleaguered stockbroker, must be feeling even more downhearted at the moment, at the prospect of what might have been. For top electronics analyst Mike Sperring, who defected from the firm with his entire four-man team 18 months ago to become a main board director at rival firm Smith New Court — and managing director of its fledgeling stockbroking arm — has finally reaped the reward of more than 20 years' conscientious endeavour. Because of his presence there, Smith New Court has just been appointed joint adviser to Racal on its flotation of Vodafone, alongside Hoare Govett. "We're delighted to be involved," says Sperring. "I've known Ernest Harrison (Racal's chairman) for about 20 years, just from following the stock."



"Very nice, but it doesn't look a bit like our other Homebase stores."

T Robinson

Our recent item (June 9) "Snip of a Tip at the Barber" referred to hairdressing-salon gossip forecasting the Thomas Robinson counterbid for John Crowther shortly before this was officially announced. We are glad to make it clear that any suggestion that this information leaked from Henry Cooke, Lumsden, the broker, is without foundation.

Mark's mission

Mark Robinson, the erstwhile Conservative MP — and an Under Secretary of State in the Welsh Office — who lost his seat in Newport West last year, has been quietly beavering away in the hallowed halls of merchant bank Leopold Joseph — where he is a director — ever since. But the call of Parliament is, he tells me, still as strong as ever. And as of today he is joining the board of the Commonwealth Development Corporation. The appointment, made by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will involve one day's work a month. "But I will probably get other work thrown at me from time to time," says Robinson, aged 41. The corporation spends £100 million a year taking equity stakes and making long-term loans on development projects in Commonwealth countries and the board vets applications for such finance. "It's very exciting and it fits in with my background," Robinson says. Before entering Parliament in *1983* he was an assistant director in the Secretary-General's office of the United Nations in New York and he also worked for the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. Although keen to regain a seat in the House of Commons he did not put his name forward for the Kensington by-election on July 14. "I want to get some more experience of the City first." But by the time the next *General Election* comes along methinks he will have experience enough . . .

Carol Leonard

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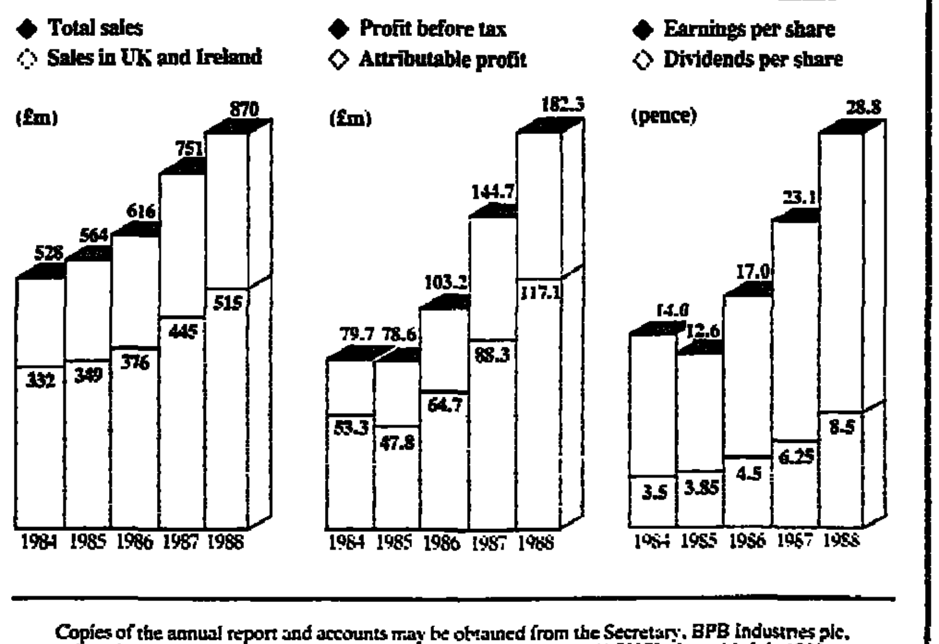

Copies of the annual report and accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, BPB Industries plc, Langley Park House, Uxbridge Road, Slough SL3 6DU (Tel. 0753 73273) from 6th July 1988.

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STOCK MARKET

Packer may hold stake in Pilkington

Mr Kerry Packer, who has taken over the title of Australia's richest man from rival Mr Robert Holmes à Court following the stock market crash, is believed to have taken a shine to **Pilkington**, Britain's biggest glass manufacturer.

The Pilkington price firmed by a further 3p to 215p yesterday as almost 2.5 million shares changed hands amid claims that Mr Packer had already picked up more than 30 million shares during the past few weeks and could soon be approaching the declarable 5 per cent level. There was even talk that he had bought part of the 3.8 per cent stake held by BTR following its abortive bid for Pilkington a couple of years ago.

Dealers said this theory might explain the recent flurry of support for Pilkington — despite a disappointing set of full-year figures last month. These showed pre-tax profits up by 18 per cent to £302 million but earnings per share only a meagre 7 per cent higher. The Pilkington board, under the leadership of Mr Anthony Pilkington, is continuing to keep a close eye on the share register.

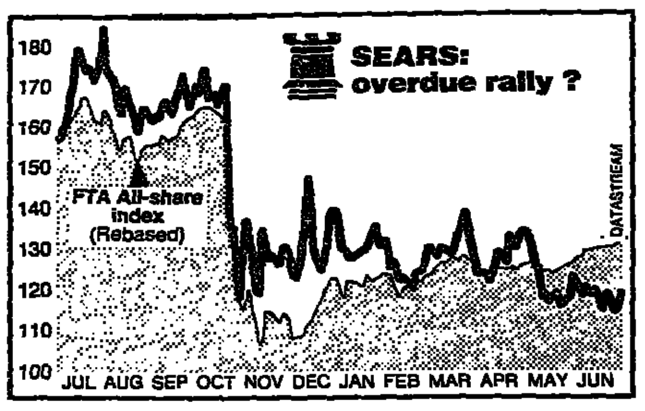
This year it was revealed that Mr Packer had paid £50 million for a 3.5 per cent stake in **Courtaulds**, the textile group. Courtaulds closed 4p dearer at 334p yesterday.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market took the news of higher European interest rates in its stride. The counter attractions at Wimbledon, Henley and Old Trafford hit turnover although fund managers busied themselves with tidying-up operations at the end of the half-year.

Prices held firm in quiet trading although best levels were not maintained as vague stories of a big rights issue today encouraged some dealers to take profits.

The FT-SE 100 share index finished the day 2.5 points higher at 1,857.6, having been nearly 9 points up at its best. The narrower FT 30 share index ended 3.5 points up at 1,483.2.

The pound's retreat on the foreign exchanges saw gilts lose early gains of £¼ and close mixed.



Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance house, suffered a setback in after hours' trading, tumbling 15p to £10.25 at one stage, before rallying to close a net 2p lower at £10.38. This was prompted by suggestions that the group will announce the terms of a rights issue today.

The Reject Shop made an encouraging start on the Unlisted Securities Market. Placed at 140p by McCaughan Dyson Capel Cure, the broker, the shares opened sharply higher at 153p and then advanced to 161p, before boiling over to close at 156p — an opening premium of 16p.

Takeover speculation and recent comments from Mr Nick Bubb, a stores analyst at Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, declaring that a rerating of the sector is overdue, helped to push aside worries about higher interest rates.

Sears, the Selfridges, Freemans and Saxones group, enjoyed a 5p rise to 121p on a turnover of nearly 8 million shares.

They recently touched a low of 114p, but have been boosted by vague talk that a stake-building operation is underway.

Dealers immediately pointed out that the Al-Fayeds hold a strategic 10 per cent stake and may have decided to increase it to the 14.9 per cent level before launching a hostile bid. It is said that they would like to get their hands on Selfridges, Sears' flagship.

But there is talk that a new player is about to emerge.

James Capel, the broker, has paid 5.5p in the Traded Options market for Sears' December 140 calls, adding to the speculation.

Harris Queensway, the furniture and carpets group, also stood out with a rise of 11p to 168p on a turnover of 3.4 million shares.

Whispers in the market suggest that Mr James Gulliver's consortium is on the verge of bidding 175p to 180p per share for the group and this has prompted renewed speculative buying.

Shareholders must be hoping for a consortium offer before the deadline of July 7 because it is widely thought that Sir Phillip Harris, the HQ chairman, is experiencing extreme difficulties in trying to raise the finances necessary to launch a management buyout for his ailing retailing group.

One dealer said: "If a consortium or management bid does not materialize, the shares will be trading at nearer the 125p-130p level."

Great Universal Stores, Britain's biggest mail order group and owner of Burberrys, which holds an important 23 per cent stake in HQ, advanced in sympathy. The ordinary shares closed 12p up at £16.55 and the "A" 28p higher at £10.33. The group may be about to sell its Lennards retailing operation.

Boots, the high street chemist, edged forward by 2p to 228p as dealers continued to talk of a 500p-a-share bid from Hanson after a large buyer appeared on the scene yesterday, snapping up 1 milion shares at 230p.

Storehouse, Sir Terence Conran's BHS, Habitat Mothercare and Heal's retailing group, was not to be left out and rose by 5p to 258p as 1.4 million shares changed hands.

The improvement was accompanied by revived speculation of a bid from Sir YK Pao's Wharf Holdings, the cash-rich, Hong Kong-based property group.

Shares of TV South were suspended at 330p first thing yesterday, pending an announcement. Whispers in the market-place claim they are likely to stay frozen for at least three weeks while the group puts together the finishing touches of a big acquisition within the television industry.

Ward White, the Halfords to Payless do-it-yourself retailing group, headed by Mr Philip Birch, closed 3p dearer at 306p following the bullish statement at the annual meeting

Shares of **Yale and Valor**, the security locks to heaters group, continued to advance, closing a further 9p higher at 381p as stake-building talk intensified.

Williams Holdings, the mini-conglomerate headed by Mr Nigel Rudd is expected to reveal a 4.9 per cent stake in the group any day now and dealers are hoping that an offer will eventually materialize. Others said to be interested in Y&V include BTR and Norcros.

Pickwick, the record, cassette and compact disc group, soared by 32p to 263p on the surprise revelation that Pearson, the industrial conglomerate whose interests include the Lazards merchant bank and the *Financial Times*, has acquired a 14.3 per cent stake in the company. It has also been given the right of first refusal, at 260p per share, for four months on a further 6.9 per cent.

Dealers chased the shares higher on hopes of a full bid, but Pearson quickly poured cold water on the idea.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

WALL STREET

Dow edges ahead in early trading

New York (Reuter) — Shares were steady at higher levels in early trading yesterday.

With the second quarter ending yesterday and a long weekend ahead — the market is closed on Monday for Independence Day — traders reported that they expected few new commitments before next week. Trading was quiet.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 5 points to 2,126.98 with rising shares outnumbering falling ones by three to two.

Bond prices were firm, offering some encouragement to shares.

The Dow average slipped by 8.89 to 2,121.98 on Wednesday.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei Dow index gained 162.07 points, or 0.59 per cent, to 27,769.40. It climbed by 209.24 points on Wednesday. Volume was a heavy 2.5 billion shares, unchanged from Wednesday.

Shares closed higher in heavy trading of large capital issues by big brokerages in the absence of market direction and as recent concern about the dollar took a back seat.

● **Frankfurt** — The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at midday, firmed to 1,435.1 from 1,432.8 on Wednesday. The Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index, calculated four times during the day, ended at 309.18 against 307.84.

Leading prices ended a quiet day narrowly mixed compared with the previous close, but off initial lows after recovering from losses.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index rose by 23.27 points to 2,671.49 and the Hong Kong index by 16.86 to 1,766.63. Turnover fell to a light HK$929.57 million (£69.5 million) from HK$1.12 billion on Wednesday.

A late surge of buying lifted prices near the close but brokers said that trading was dull for most of the day and turnover remained low.

	Jun 29	Jun 28		Jun 29	Jun 28		Jun 29	Jun 28
AMR Cp	49	49	Fedders	10	10⅛	Pennzoil	77	74⅜
ASA	42½	42¾	Fst Chicago	30⅜	30¼	Pepsico	37	37½
Aetna Life	44¾	45¾	Fst Int Bncp	49½	49¼	Pfizer	50⅜	51½
Allied Signal	34⅝	34¾	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10⅝	Phelps Dod	42⅝	42⅜
Allis Chlm	1	1	FT Wachva	39⅝	38⅞	Philip Mor	83⅜	84
Alcoa	53¾	52⅞	Ford Motor	52⅞	53⅜	Philip Ptrl	16⅜	16⅜
Amax Inc	23¾	23¾	GAF Cp	46⅝	46½	Pillsbury	35⅜	35⅜
AMR Hess	26⅝	26¾	GTE Cp	38⅜	38⅜	Polaroid	31⅜	31
Am Brands	47½	47⅜	Gen Cp	19¼	19¼	Primerica	27⅜	28⅜
Am Cynmd	53¾	54¼	Gn Dynam	52⅜	53⅜	Proct Gble	76⅜	76⅜
Am Ele Pwr	28⅝	28¾	Gen Electric	42⅛	43¼	Pub S E G	24⅜	24⅜
Amexs	26⅜	26⅞	Gen Inst	37½	36¾	R Nabisco	46⅝	46⅜
Am Family	13⅝	13⅝	Gen Mills	46¼	46½	Raytheon	65⅜	65⅜
Am Home	74	74½	Gen Motors	78⅜	79½	Rynlds Metl	51	50½
Am Int Grp	57⅜	56⅞	Gen Pub Ut	34⅜	34⅜	Rockwell Int	20⅜	20⅜
Am Stand	77½	77½	Genesco	4½	4⅜	Royal Dutch	111⅜	112⅜
Am Telph	26½	26⅝	Georgia Pac	41¼	41½	SFE Sopac	20⅜	20⅜
Amoco Cp	74½	75	Gillette	39⅝	39	Sara Lee	36⅜	36⅜
Anheuser B	30⅜	30¾	Goodrich	55	55	Schlumb	34¼	34⅜
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅝	Goodyear	64⅝	65	Scott Paper	40	40⅜
Asarco Inc	24⅞	25½	Gould Inc	15½	16⅛	Seagram	56½	57⅜
Ashland Oil	71¼	70¾	Grace Co	26⅜	26⅜	Sears Roeb	36⅜	36⅜
Atl Richfld	81½	81¾	Grt Atl Pac	38	38¼	Shell Trans	72⅜	73⅜
Avon Prod	23½	24¼	Greyhnd	30	29⅞	Smith Beck	44⅜	44⅜
Bk Boston	25⅝	26¼	Gruman	21⅝	22¼	Sony Cp	39⅜	38½
Bank NY	34⅝	34¾	Gulf Westn	45⅝	44⅜	Sth Cal Edi	32⅜	33⅜
Bankamer	13½	12¾	Heinz	40	40	SW Bell	39⅜	39⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	36⅜	36⅜	Hercules	46⅝	47	Squibb	62⅜	62½
Baxter	20⅞	20½	Hewlett Pk	54¾	53½	Stevens JP	68⅜	68⅜
Beth Steel	23⅜	22¾	Honeywell	69	69½	Sun Comp	55½	56
Boeing	58½	57¾	IC Ind	32¼	32¼	TRW Inc	47½	48⅜
Boise Casc	46	46	ITT Cp	51	51⅛	Teledyne	338	340½
Borden	50⅝	50½	INCO	32⅝	33⅜	Tenneco	48⅜	47⅜
Bristl Meyr	40½	40½	Ing Rand Wi	41⅝	42	Texaco	47⅜	47⅜
BP	53⅝	53½	Inland Steel	35¼	34	Tex Eastn	25⅜	26
Brunswick	21	21¼	IBM	127	127¼	Texas Inst	49⅜	49⅜
Burl Nth	70⅝	70¾	Int Paper	47⅜	47⅜	Tex Util	26⅜	26⅜
CBS	157¾	158⅜	Irving Bk	70⅝	70½	Textron	24⅜	23⅜
Cms Engy	21¾	21¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	77⅜	77⅜	Travelers	35⅜	36⅜
CPC Int	45¾	46¾	K Mart	34⅝	34⅜	UAL Cp	94⅜	95
CSX Cp	26⅝	27	Kaisertech	17⅜	17½	USG	47⅜	48
Camp Soup	24¾	25½	Kerr McGee	35⅝	36	USX Cp	31⅜	32⅜
Can Pacific	18⅝	19½	Kimbrly Clrk	62¼	61⅜	Unilever Plc	32½	32⅜
Caterpillar	66⅜	66¾	Kraft	51½	52⅜	Un Carbide	22⅜	22⅜
Centrl SW	31⅜	31½	Kroger	35⅜	35⅜	Un Pac Cp	63⅜	64⅜
Champion	35⅜	36⅜	LTV Cp	3⅝	3⅝	Unisys Cp	35⅜	36
Chase Man	29⅜	29⅞	Litton	76⅝	78½	Unit Brand	17½	17⅜
Chem Bank	30	30¾	Lockheed	44	44⅜	Us West	55⅜	56⅜
Chevron	46⅝	47¾	Lucky Str	n.a	n.a	Utd Tech	38⅜	38½
Chrysler	24¼	24¾	Man H'nver	30	30⅜	Unocal	34⅜	34½
Citicorp	24¼	24¼	Manville	1⅜	1⅜	Warn Lamb	66⅜	66⅜
Clark Eq	34⅞	35	Mapco	58⅝	58⅝	Wells Far	58⅜	58
Coca Cola	38⅜	38¾	Marriott	29⅝	30	Westg El	55	55⅜
Colgate	43⅝	43⅞	Mt Marrieta	44	43⅝	Weyershr	26½	26⅜
Columb Gas	31⅛	31⅞	Masco	28⅜	28⅜	Whirlpool	28⅜	28⅜
Cmb'tn Eng	35	34⅞	Mcdonalds	45⅜	45⅜	Woolworth	52⅜	53⅜
Cmwlth Edi	28	27½	McDonnell	64	64	Xerox Cp	54⅜	53⅜
Cons Edis	43⅝	43⅞	Mead Cp	35⅜	36⅜	Zenith	26⅜	26⅜
Consol Ng	35⅝	35⅝	Merck	54⅜	55	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Cont Data	26⅜	25⅞	Minsta Mng	65⅝	66	Agnico Eag	18⅜	18⅜
Corning Gl	57⅜	57¾	Mobil	44⅝	44⅜	Alcan Alum	39⅜	39
Crane	30⅜	30⅞	Monsanto	86⅜	86⅜	Algoma Stl	21.87	21.62
Curtiss W	51¼	51½	Montedison	12⅜	n.a	Can Pacific	22⅜	23⅜
Data Genl	23⅝	24	Morgan Jp	37½	38⅜	Cominco	22⅜	22⅜
Deere Co	45⅜	45⅞	Motorola	54	54	Con Bathrst	17½	17½
Delta Airl	52⅝	52⅞	NCR	65⅝	65⅝	Hawk S Can	24½	24⅜
Detroit Edi	14⅜	14	NL Indstrs	6⅝	6⅝	Hud Bay M	18⅜	18⅜
Digital Eq	114¾	115⅝	Nat Md Ent	22⅝	23⅜	Imasco	26⅜	27
Disney	62⅝	62⅞	Nat Semi	14⅜	14½	Imperial Oil	56½	56⅜
Dow Chem	89⅝	89⅞	Norfolk Sth	28¼	28⅜	Inco	39⅜	40½
Dresser Ind	30⅝	31⅜	NW Bancrp	46½	46	Royl Trstco	16⅜	16⅜
Dupont	90⅜	90⅝	Occid Petl	26⅜	26½	Seagram	68⅜	69
Duke Pwr	45⅜	45½	Ogden Cp	27⅜	28	Shelco 'A'	24⅜	24½
East Kodak	44½	45⅜	Olin Cp	50⅜	50⅜	Thmsn N 'A'	28	27½
Eaton Cp	82⅝	82½	PPG Ind	44¾	45⅜	Varity Cp	4.25	3.90
Emerson El	32⅝	31½	Pac Enterp	47⅜	48⅜	WCT	17⅜	17⅜
Emery Air	4⅝	4⅜	Pac Gas El	15⅜	15⅜	Weston	35	34½
Exxon	45⅝	46⅜	Pan Am	2½	2½			
Farah Inc	8⅝	8⅝	Penney JC	48⅝	50½			

US BONDS

Petrified Americans leave the bargains to Japan

Conditions for bonds have turned almost ideal. Grain and soyabean futures prices came tumbling down on Wednesday; the dollar recovered any losses made on European central bank intervention on Tuesday; crude oil tumbled under $15.50 (£9.08); and gold fell to $436.

But the American institutions are so petrified of inflation, and so burned from their disastrous effort in May to short the bond market, that they are leaving all the running — and the bargains — to the Japanese.

The gold price continues the remarkable stability that has marked its progress in the past year. This extraordinary performance for the metal, combined as it has been since late last year with a stable dollar and no acceleration of inflation in the US, is bound to pose the question: "Have we moved to some sort of *de facto* gold standard?"

Under the intense hammering at their base of support from Chicago, bonds have failed to go anywhere near the 10 per cent yield so widely forecast in May.

The current yield on the 30-year Treasury bond is about 8.95 per cent — well below the May peak of 9.35 per cent.

This yield has caused millions of losses for big Wall Street houses, who had shorted bonds on the expectation that the long bond would be yielding 10 per cent by now.

With the Federal Reserve now targeting the dollar, domestic monetary policy needs to be restrictive, or defensive. And so it is.

Banks' reserves are being supplied by the Fed in a very stingy manner, and it is now clear the central bank has elevated the Federal funds rate another notch. In May, funds were trading in the range of 7¼-7½ per cent. Today they are routinely trading about 7⁹/₁₆-7¹¹/₁₆ per cent.

The higher funds rate is part and parcel of the defence of the dollar. But it necessarily has an impact on a range of other short-term interest rates, and raises the possibility of yet another rise in the prime rate beyond its present 9 per cent.

With the existing level of real interest rates retarding the growth of personal consumption and housing construction, the growth rate of the whole US economy is slowing.

Federal Reserve intervention to arrest a too rapid increase in the dollar has now begun, added to the actions of the Bundesbank over recent weeks.

But in today's world of massive capital flows, the powers of central banks to hold the dollar down may prove far more limited than officials believe.

A dominant influence on the US markets is the intentions of the Japanese institutions.

Last week, between Tuesday and Friday, the long bond rose 2½ points. The whole of this big move came from the weight of Japanese money. The Japanese are not truly interested in the inflation debate in the US. Their interest is in the level of nominal yields available and the outlook for the currency.

To date they have recommitted to US paper only a fraction of what they took out in the last half of 1987 and the first quarter of 1988. The big swing in capital flow back to the US can, therefore, be expected to have quite some distance to run.

Maxwell Newton
New York

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon (*423)	390	36	50	60	3	8	12
	420	13	28	40	9	17	25
	460	2½	13	23	40	45	47
Bass (*788)	800	15	42	52	22	35	45
	850	4	22	32	70	73	82
	900	1	10	28	120	120	130
Brit Air (*149)	140	12	19	22	1½	6	9
	160	2	10	12	14	17	21
	180	1	2½	5½	32	35	38
Brit Com (*251)	260	5	18	22	13	22	23
	280	1½	7	14	33	35	37
	300	1	2	6	50	53	57
Brit Gas (*187)	170	18	19½	-	1	3¾	-
	180	9½	13½	18	1½	7¾	9¾
	200	1	4¾	9	14½	19½	22
BP (*254)	240	18	23	32	1½	6½	10
	260	4½	12	20	8	16	19
	280	1	5½	11½	26	30	34
Cons Gold (*1033)	1000	75	115	150	11	45	60
	1050	45	-	-	27	-	-
	1100	18	63	90	62	93	110
Courtauld (*335)	300	40	52	-	2	8	-
	330	16	31	40	10	18	22
	360	4	18	28	30	33	38
	390	1	9	16	58	58	60
Com Union (*379)	360	26	34	46	6	15	22
	390	10	20	31	18	34	39
	420	3	11	20	45	52	55
C & W (*363)	300	65	72	77	1	3	8
	330	35	45	53	1½	9	15
	360	12	30	38	11	21	28
	390	4	18	28	38	43	48
GEC (*155)	140	17	19	23	1	4	8
	160	2	6	10	7	14	17
	180	½	2	-	26	31	-
GKN (*314)	280	37	44	51	1	6	11
	300	20	30	39	3½	14	18
	330	5	15	23	19	29	33
Grand Met (*509)	420	95	100	-	1	2½	-
	460	55	65	77	1	8	11
	500	20	34	50	7	18	22
	550	3	14	27	43	47	50
ICI (*1089)	900	195	197	217	1	3	8
	950	145	154	177	1	8	15
	1000	97	112	137	3	18	26
	1100	23	49	75	33	60	67
Jaguar (*281)	240	44	48	54	1	4	6
	260	26	31	43	2	8	13
	280	9	19	30	6½	17	22
	300	3	11	20	22	29	34
Land Sec (*569)	500	77	88	97	1	4	10
	550	30	50	60	4	18	24
	600	5	23	33	32	37	45
M & S (*174)	160	17	22	25	1	4	7
	180	4	10	14	10	11	15
	200	1	4	8	27	29	31
R-Royce (*129)	110	20	23	25	½	2	4
	120	11	14½	17	1½	5	7
	130	3½	8	11½	4½	9	11
STC (*289)	240	32	37	42	1½	5	11
	260	14	23	32	5	10	18
	280	5	13	22	16	23	27
Sainsbury (*226)	200	29	34	37	1	3	4
	220	11	19	23	3	7	9
	240	2	9	13	16	16	18
	260	1	4	8	35	35	36
Shell (*1050)	1000	65	85	118	3½	24	32
	1050	27	-	-	19	-	-
	1100	8	31	61	50	73	78
Storehse (*258)	240	20	32	38	6	16	20
	260	6	23	30	16	25	32
	280	3	14	21	33	38	45
Trafalgar (*305)	300	14	25	28	6	10	20
	330	4	10	15	27	28	37
	360	2	5	8	57	57	60
TSB (*108)	90	21	22	24	¼	1½	2½
	100	11	13	16	½	4	5
	110	2½	6½	10	4	8	9
Ultramar (*309)	280	35	47	59	4	12	18
	300	20	36	48	9	21	28
	330	6½	23	34	26	37	45
Woolworth (*285)	260	30	38	45	1½	7	9
	280	13	25	33	7	13	15
	300	5	16	25	18	23	25
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*207)	180	36	40	48	4	6	9
	200	20	27	35	8	14	16
	220	11	17	25	21	24	26
Barclays (*410)	360	58	63	-	3	6	-
	395	32	40	-	15	23	-
	429	11	23	-	37	42	-
Beecham (*470)	420	62	70	-	4	8	-
	460	33	42	53	14	21	24
	500	13	23	33	36	40	44
Boots (*228)	200	36	40	49	3	6	8
	220	21	26	38	8	12	16
	240	10	17	24	18	23	26
BTR (*278)	240	44	46	-	2½	5	-
	260	26	34	40	7	10	13
	280	15	21	29	18	20	23
Blue Circ (*430)	390	50	62	75	6	12	15
	420	28	43	55	15	22	25
	460	11	25	35	38	45	47
	500	3	12	-	72	73	-
Dixons (*177)	160	21	27	-	4	8	-
	180	11	17	22	11	17	19
	200	4	9	15	28	31	34

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Glaxo (*992)	900	127	142	165	12	23	33
	950	88	105	130	25	40	47
	1000	58	77	100	45	65	72
	1100	22	38	-	112	122	-
Hanson (*141)	120	23½	26½	-	½	1¾	-
	130	15	18½	20	2	4	5½
	140	8½	11	14	5	8	9½
	160	2	4	6	19½	21½	22½
Hawker (*496)	460	50	60	75	10	14	23
	500	28	38	53	28	37	43
	550	10	20	33	60	68	73
Hillsdown (*289)	260	37	42	48	4	6	10
	280	23	27	35	9	13	20
	300	10	18	25	20	23	30
Lonhro (*244)	223	27	33	-	4½	8	-
	240	16	23	26	10	14	18
	260	7	13½	16	23	25	30
Midland (*443)	390	60	67	-	5	10	-
	420	38	47	57	17	22	27
	460	14	25	36	37	42	48
Sears (*120)	110	17	19½	22	2½	4	6
	120	9½	13½	17	5½	8	10
	130	5½	9	12	12	15	16
Tesco (*154)	140	20	24	27	3	4	6
	160	8	12	16	11	13	14
	180	2½	5	9	28	29	29
Thorn EMI (*657)	550	110	112	-	4	7	-
	600	60	75	-	7	20	-
	650	26	40	54	27	35	47
	700	7	18	30	65	70	77
THF (*257)	220	41	48	50	1½	2½	5
	240	28	33	38	4½	7½	12
	260	12½	19	23	13	16	20
Unilever (*470)	420	63	73	-	4	8	-
	460	34	45	54	14½	20	24
	500	15	25	34	36	40	44
Wellcome (*524)	500	53	68	82	19	26	33
	550	27	43	58	43	52	58
	600	11	24	38	80	88	90
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*276)	265	19	30	-	4½	9	-
	280	9	20	27	10	15	18
	300	3	12	18	26	27	29
Brit Aero (*409)	330	84	90	-	1	4	-
	360	55	65	75	2	9	13
	390	30	42	65	6	18	24
	420	13	25	38	20	32	36
BAT Ind (*419)	390	38	47	57	4	12	16
	420	17	30	42	13	24	30
	460	4½	15	24	43	50	55
	500	1½	7	-	82	85	-
Brit Tele (*259)	220	41	45	46	1	2½	6
	240	21	27	32	4	7	11
	260	6½	15	19	13	16	20
Cadbury (*402)	330	78	93	103	3	9	13
	360	53	72	83	6	19	23
	390	31	52	63	14	32	35
	420	17	36	48	32	48	52
Guinness (*331)	280	55	60	70	2	3	4
	300	35	43	52	3	6	10
	330	13	25	35	9	18	28
	360	3	13	23	33	38	49
Ladbroke (*431)	390	50	57	67	2	9	12
	420	26	36	47	9	18	23
	460	6	18	30	32	37	42
LASMO (*463)	360	110	120	130	1½	6	10
	390	80	95	107	3	11	15
	420	55	70	88	7	20	27
	460	28	49	65	23	35	40
Pilkington (*214)	180	38	43	50	1	3	7
	200	20	27	35	4	8	13
	220	7½	17	25	13	17	23
	240	2½	9	-	28	30	-
Plessey (*159)	140	22	28	33	1½	4½	6
	160	8	16	20	8	12	16
	180	3	8½	11	23	25	29
P & O (*578)	500	87	94	112	4	6	12
	550	40	54	77	6	20	30
	600	12	25	45	27	45	55
Prudential (*167)	150	20	23	-	1½	4	-
	160	11	15	19	3	7	9
	170	6	9	-	8	12	-
Racal (*339)	300	39	52	59	4	10	14
	330	18	32	42	13	19	27
	360	7	20	29	33	38	43
RTZ (*423)	360	72	83	95	2	4	9
	390	47	62	75	5	12	18
	420	25	37	54	17	27	34
	460	9	21	33	47	60	57
Vaal Reefs (*576)	80	5	9	11	8	9	12
	90	2	4	6	16	15	19
	100	¾	2½	3½	25	26	28
Tr 12% 1995 (*110)	110	¾	1	1 9/32	1 1/16	1 5/16	1¾
	112	5/32	13/32	9/16	2 9/16	2⅝	3¼
	114	1/16	5/32	¼	4⅜	4⅝	4¾
	116	1/16	3/32	⅛	6⅜	6⅞	6 9/16

FT-SE INDEX (*1860)

Series	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1700	183	170	177	185	¾	4	8	14
1750	113	123	128	142	½	8	14	20
1800	63	78	93	105	½	14	24	33
1850	13½	42	60	72	½	31	42	52
1900	½	19	35	47	37	58	67	77
1950	½	9	20	29	87	98	102	108
2000	½	3	11	16	137	148	145	148

June 30, 1988 Total: 37912 Calls 21778 Puts 16134 FT-SE: Calls 1319 Puts 896
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 27	July 8	September 29	October 10

Call options were taken out on: 30/6/88 CCF, Bristol Channel, GT Management, Cadbury, Avoca Gold, Norfolk Capital, Astra Holdings, Ashley Inds, Bass, Dares Estates, Pleasurama.
Put: Astra Industries.
Puts & Calls: BSG, Smith & Nephew.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,710	Coats	787	Land Sec	549	Royal Ins	934
Abbey	2,146	CU	2,008	Laporte	426	Saatchi	295
Alld-Lyons	240	Cons Gold	1,524	L&G	847	Sainsbury	545
Amstrad	595	Cookson	982	Lloyds	1,501	Scot & N	233
ASDA	1,784	Courtaulds	1,123	Lonrho	1,353	Sears	7,773
AB Foods	405	Dalgety	182	Lucas	685	Sedgwick	116
Argyll	1,693	Dee	2,723	Magnet	120	Shell	698
BAA	2,786	Dixons	557	M&S	2,150	Smith & N	7,050
BET	1,300	ECC	483	Maxwell Cm	498	Smith WH	231
BTR	1,740	Enterprise	897	MEPC	175	Smiths Ind	718
BAT	1,316	Ferranti	2,460	Metal Box	645	STC	156
Barclays	2,684	Fisons	865	Midland	1,225	Stan Chart	151
Bass	246	FKI Babck	674	NatWest	624	Storehse	1,429
Beecham	1,121	Gen Acc	384	Next	7,904	Sun Allnce	518
Beazer	1,520	GEC	10,778	Nth Food	674	T & N	139
Berisfd SW	354	Glaxo	1,788	P&O	547	Tarmac	371
BICC	390	Globe Inv	370	Pearl	38	Tate & Lyle	337
Blue Arrow	9,216	Glynwed	21	Pearson	41	TSB	1,114
Blue Circle	295	Granada	285	Pilkington	2,216	Tesco	2,037
BOC	3,393	Grand Met	612	Plessey	937	Thorn EMI	965
Boots	3,579	GUS 'A'	442	Prudential	2,501	Trafalgar	438
BPB	4,333	GRE	232	Racal	2,606	THF	880
Br Aero	745	GKN	606	Rk Hovis	2,451	Ultramar	1,796
Br Airways	4,779	Guinness	2,060	Rank	1,286	Unigate	1,200
Br Comm	545	Hamm 'A'	15	R&C	111	Unilever	613
Br Gas	8,123	Hanson	3,325	Redland	819	United Bis	496
Br Petrol	9,041	Hawker	920	Reed	613	Utd News	86
Br Telecm	4,795	Hillsdown	498	Reuters	411	Wellcome	417
Bunzl	6,657	IMI	452	RMC Gp	42	Whitbrd	2,818
Burmah	939	ICI	608	RTZ	990	Williams	1,125
Burton	701	Inchcape	1,694	R-Royce	1,527	Willis Fab	1,535
C&W	2,646	Jaguar	1,172	Rothmn 'B'	249	Wimpey G	557
Cadbury	2,500	Lasmo	1,507	Rowntree	316	Woolworth	668
		Ladbroke	714	Royal Bank	50	Equities page 27	

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the grant of permission to deal in the entire share capital of Broadwell Land Plc, issued and to be issued, in the Unlisted Securities Market of The Stock Exchange. It is emphasised that no application has been made for these securities to be admitted to the Official List.

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1st July 1988

Kleinwort Benson

Kleinwort Benson Limited announces that with effect from 1st July 1988, the mortgage base rate will be 10.4% per annum and the personal loan base rate will be 9.4% per annum.

New rates for Business Overdrafts.

With effect from 27 June 1988, the monthly rates of interest applicable to Business Overdrafts are as follows:

Previous Rate	New Rate	Typical A.P.R.
1.15%	1.2%	15.3%
1.25%	1.3%	16.7%

Other Business Overdraft rates remain unchanged.

Lloyds Bank
THE THOROUGHBRED BANK.
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Quietly firm

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 20. Dealings end today. §Contango day July 4. Settlement day July 11.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 26).

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
2	Sears (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
3	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
4	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
5	Vaux Group	Breweries	
6	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	Breweries	
7	Davy	Industrials A-D	
8	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
9	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
10	Davies & Newman	Industrials A-D	
11	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
12	MBS	Electricals	
13	Mitel	Electricals	
14	Anglia Sec	Building,Roads	
15	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
16	Yule Catto	Chemicals,Plas	
17	Geest	Foods	
18	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
19	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
20	Beauford	Industrials A-D	
21	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
22	Hollas	Drapery,Stores	
23	Harris (Philip)	Industrials E-K	
24	BTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
25	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
26	Securicor	Industrials S-Z	
27	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
28	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
29	LDH	Industrials L-R	
30	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
31	Halma	Industrials E-K	
32	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
33	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Roads	
34	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
35	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
36	Metal Box (aa)	Industrials L-R	
37	Wiggins	Building,Roads	
38	Hall Eng	Industrials E-K	
39	Metal Closures	Industrials L-R	
40	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
41	Unigroup	Industrials S-Z	
42	Hunting Assoc	Industrials E-K	
43	Hogg Robinson Plc	Drapery,Stores	
44	HTV Group	Cinemas,TV	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in tomorrow's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
100¼	95¼	Treas 9¾% 1988	99⅞	..	9.5	9.586
102⅛	95¼	Treas 11½% 1989	101	..	11.3	9.678
102½	96¾	Treas 10½% 1989	100⅞	..	10.4	9.718
102	95¾	Exch 10% 1989	100⅞	● ..	9.9	9.743
104¾	96¾	Exch 10½% 1989	100⅞	..	10.1	9.532
107	96¾	Exch 11% 1989	101⅞	..	10.8	9.790

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
377	318	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	368	372	● +1	17.9	4.8	7.2
10	850	Scroders	825	925	..	22.8	2.8	11.0
555	410	Stand Chart (aa)	490	497	+1	48.0	9.7	8.1
116	96	TSB (aa)	107	108	-½	5.3	4.9	7.2
355	305	Warburg SG	328	332	-3	15.3	4.6	8.8
128	117	Do 6% 'A'	117	128	● ..	8.2	6.9	..
33⅞	23	Wells Fargo	33⅞	..	● -⅛	..	..	..
453	443	Winterel	435	460	● ..	8.8	2.0	17.6

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	420	422	● ..	17.3	4.1	11.0
807	746½	Bass (aa)	785	790	● ..	26.9	3.4	11.8
50	42	Belhaven	45	49	+1	1.4	2.9	18.8
175	127	Boddington	170	175	..	5.4	3.1	17.9
207	145	Buckleys	155	170	+1	4.4	2.7	50.3
198	147	Bulmer (H P)	190	200	+4	8.2	4.2	13.8
158	128	Burtonwood Brew	153	162	..	4.0	2.5	25.5
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	340	350	..	13.7	4.0	11.5
372	292	Devenish (JA)	322	327	● +1	4.0	1.2	28.6
226	175	Greenall Whitley	218	223	● +1	8.3	3.8	12.6
494	436	Greene King	463	470	..	9.3	2.0	24.0
340	271	Guinness (aa)	329	332	+2	12.6	3.8	10.9
735	655	Hardys & Hansons	725	745	+10	30.0	4.1	13.7
128	78	Highland Dist	118	120	-1	3.5	2.9	18.6
308	187	Invergordon Dist	292	300	..	7.9	2.7	17.9
320	125	Irish Dist	305	313	● ..	..	..	..
131	110	Marston Thompson	129	132	..	3.9	3.0	13.4
523	483	Morland	515	530	● +2	10.9	2.1	20.7
358	275	SA Breweries	295	315	● ..	..	..	..
349	206	Scot & New (aa)	328	331	..	11.3	3.4	18.3
609	480	Vaux Group	605	613	● +3	21.6b	3.5	18.6
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	295	298	● +6	14.1	4.7	10.1
430	295	Do 'B'	380	480	● ..	13.7	3.2	14.7
372	274	Whitbread Inv	368	375	● +2	12.3	3.3	43.3
420	350	Wolverhmptn & D	415	425	● +4	8.2	2.0	17.9
485	345	Young 'A'	475	495	● ..	12.0	2.5	38.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	143	Abbey	262	272	..	..	..	..
400	314	Amec	380	383	r -2	17.3	4.5	10.8
458	348	Anglia Sec	427	442	● +2	3.4	0.8	25.6
55	38	Aripio Ltd	40	43	..	1.3	3.1	18.3
155	90	Ancliffe	145	150	+5	4.3	2.8	9.8
325	247	Atwoods	302	305	r -1	8.7	2.9	17.3
309	248	BPB Ind (aa)	273	277	-13	9.6	3.5	11.9
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	308	318	● ..	5.0	1.6	22.1
85	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	68	71	-2	1.9	2.7	14.5
216	170	Barratt Devs	192	197	-2	12.6	6.5	12.8
273	181	Bellway	262	267	● ..	11.0	4.2	12.8
113	85	Beterlech	100	105	..	2.9	2.8	9.3
384	258	Berkeley Gp	328	337	+1	4.7	1.4	11.8
115	83	Bett Bros	119	120	● ..	4.8	4.2	26.5
400	320	Blockleys	395	405	..	8.9	2.3	20.7
465	403	Blue Circle (aa)	425	430	-1	20.0	4.7	10.2
383	314½	Boot (Henry)	355	365	..	19.3	5.4	8.5
295	187	Breedon PLC	235	255	..	8.7	3.6	32.8
170	109	Br Dredging	153	161	+3	6.9	4.4	34.2
155½	126	Bryant	142	145	-1	4.4	3.1	17.0
144	105	CRH	137	142	..	..	..	..
155	104	Cakebread Robey	120	130	● -15	5.1	4.1	20.5
343	258	Caradon	337	343	● +1	10.7	3.1	12.8
140	102	Church Charles	113	117	● ..	1.3	1.1	12.5
385	195	Condor Grp	335	355	-5	7.5	2.2	11.8
150	112	Copson PLC	131	138	..	2.4	1.8	73.8
336	268	Costain	313	317	● +1	13.2	4.2	12.9
318	203	Countryside	305	312	-2	3.0	1.0	15.2

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
66	35	Beecam Gp	42	47	● ..	0.7	1.6	..
45	32	Bennett & Fountain	33	36	● ..	1.0	2.9	17.9
352	301	BICC (aa)	328	334	+1	17.3	5.2	15.2
91	82	BSR	69	71	+1	3.0	4.3	10.3
191	133	Black	187	194	..	6.1	3.2	13.9
122	85	Borland	115	122	+2	..	..	..
194	149	Bowthorpe	158	162	● ..	4.5b	2.8	12.3
218	174	Britannia Security	192	202	..	2.7	1.4	16.2
280	220	Br Telecom (aa)	258	260	+2	12.7	4.9	11.0
29	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	23	26	+3	0.5	1.2	15.8
305	191	CAP Group	300	305	..	2.6	0.9	28.1
104	53	CASE	85	89	-1	1.0	1.1	46.3

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
280	224	Bodycote	270	278	● ..	6.9	2.5	12.6
263	207	Boots (aa)	227	229	● +1	11.7	5.1	11.2
90	65	Boom Ines	73	80	..	1.8	2.3	13.1
408	351	Bowater	403	408	+1	17.1	4.2	13.6
21⅛	15⅛	Bowater Inc	20⅛	20⅞	..	..	..	..
263	230	Braithwaite Grp	250	256	-2	6.0	2.4	10.2
251	216	Brammer	240	245	● +3	17.1	7.0	13.4
62	46	Bradway	51	54	..	1.0	1.9	21.2
45	37	Bridgend Gp	39	42	..	0.5	1.2	20.5
199	138	Baden	187	189	..	8.2	4.4	21.3
256	173	Bridport-Gundry	248	253	..	9.6	3.8	23.5

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
213	148	TNT	195	199	-6	..	..	..
330	240	Tace	235	315	..	13.7	4.5	12.1
142⅞	115⅞	Takeda Chem	116	..	-¼	..	..	..
34	22	Talbex	30	32	+2	..	..	..
188	104	Telfos	172	175	..	6.9	4.0	18.7
165	108	Tex Hldgs	160	165	..	7.2	4.4	22.9
350	268	Third Mile	340	350	● -3	4.4	1.3	27.4
108	82	Thomson T-Line	88	91	..	0.8	0.9	..
259	218	Tomkins	240	243	+3	4.6	1.9	15.9
346	250	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	302	307	..	20.3	6.7	11.3
225	170	Transcontinental	175	185	..	9.6	5.3	10.8
240	202	Transport Dev	231	238	-1	11.6	5.0	12.7

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
28	16	New London Oil	17	19	-1	..	..	..
57	27	Oil Search	50	55	-2	..	..	9.0
64	47	Petrocon	53	60	..	..	..	..
1¾	1	Petroz	1¼	1½	..	..	..	22.3
73	50½	Premier	69	71	+1	..	..	..
350	221	Ranger	338	343	-2	..	..	..
67¼	59¼	Royal Dutch	65¼	..	● -½	..	..	..
11	969	Shell (aa)	10⅞	10½	-⅛	65.8	6.3	11.2
328	243	Silkolene	303	313	..	12.3	4.0	9.9
166	91	Sovereign	153	158	..	..	..	41.1
17	11	TR Energy	13	15	..	..	..	13.7
15	4	Target	4	6	..	..	..	..

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	362	Heath C E	423	430	● -5	34.2	8.0	16.4
184	134	Hogg Rob & GM	180	185	..	5.5	3.0	..
338	250	Legal & Gen (aa)	317	320	..	15.3	4.8	40.6
168	145	Lloyd Thompson	160	170	-3	2.3	1.4	..
309	237	London & Man	292	297	..	11.9	4.0	41.9
210	148	Lon Utd Inv	148	155	● ..	10.7	7.0	17.3
32	25	Marsh & McLen	31⅝	32⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
230	168	PWS	200	207	● +3	14.0	6.9	8.5
547	410	Pearl (aa)	493	497	..	17.1	3.5	35.4
177	152	Prudential (aa)	166	168	+1½	9.1	5.4	..
488	415	Refuge	462	470	+1	24.7	5.3	24.8
444	372	Royal (aa)	405	410	..	25.7	6.3	..
242	199	Sedgwick (aa)	228	232	-4	16.0	7.0	15.0
208	150	Steel Burrill	193	203	..	13.7	7.0	12.4
354	254	Sturge Hldgs	290	297	..	10.2	3.5	18.7
10	788	Sun Alliance (aa)	985	990	● +10	42.5	4.3	88.9
11⅝	935	Sun Life	11½	11⅝	● ..	46.1	4.0	..
423	355	Trade Indemnity	415	425	..	7.7	1.8	15.3
280	302	Willis Faber (aa)	260	265	-10	15.3	5.8	13.8
75	48	Windsor	47	52	+2	..	..	..

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LEISURE

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
275	175	Barr & WA 'A'	270	280	● ..	15.1	5.5	14.1
242	165	Boosey & Hawkes	190	200	+2	4.1	2.1	15.2
410	297	Brent Walker	401	405	● +1	11.0	2.7	19.6
321	201	Campari	299	305	+1	8.8	2.9	8.5
304	161	Capital Radio	291	294	● +1	9.3	3.2	17.8
242	165	Castle Comm	232	242	..	9.6	4.1	16.8
146	115	Chrysalis	142	147	● +14	9.6	6.6	13.8
152	130	First Leisure	137	140	..	3.2	2.3	18.5
190	140	Hemburger Brooks	180	200	..	..	..	27.0
61	49	Juliana's Hldgs	54	57	● +1	2.9	5.2	11.8
414	182	LandLeis	412	415	+3	10.7	2.6	11.2
116	68	Leisure Inv	99	101	-1	2.2	2.2	35.5

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1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
490	399	BAT (aa)	416	418	● ..	23.2	5.6	8.6
138	125	Carreras	125	128	● ..	..	..	..
452	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	432	435	-1	13.3	3.1	9.5

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	111.3	118.4●	+0.1	8.45
Hi Inc Equity	121.6	129.3c	+1.3	4.60
Worldwide Bd	193.8	206.0●	+1.8	4.71
American Gth	156.6	187.4	+3.9	1.22
Asian Pacific	72.3	77.3	-0.2	1.97
Assets & Earns	139.8	148.7●	+1.3	1.80
Capital Res	78.9	79.2	..	3.79
Comm Energy	101.8	108.8	+0.4	0.57
Euro Capital	71.8	76.3	+1.4	0.38
General	166.2	176.9	+1.5	2.55
Japan	94.9	101.4	+0.3	..
UK Gth Inc	130.5	138.9	+0.7	2.12
Do Acc	192.5	204.7	+1.0	1.44
US Emerg Co	45.9	48.8	+0.8	0.00
Income Gth	257.3	273.7	+2.3	3.47
Master Acc	74.4	79.5●	+0.7	2.28
American Inc	45.5	48.3	+0.8	5.67
Ethical Tst	43.2	46.2●	+0.8	2.71
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070				
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6801				
UK Growth	31.7	33.7	+0.2	3.12
N Amer Inc	25.5	27.1	+0.3	4.40
World Gth	40.1	42.6●	+0.1	1.12
Extra Inc	38.9	41.3●	+0.4	4.76
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	42.8	45.4	..	2.03
Amer Extra Inc	37.0	39.4●	..	5.75
Australian	24.0	25.6	..	1.35
Euro Tst	43.8	46.6	..	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.8	25.4●	..	9.40
Global Income	36.7	39.1	..	4.94
Hi Income	53.7	57.2●	..	5.53
Income Growth	67.1	71.4c	..	4.23
International	84.8	90.3c	..	0.59
Japan Gen	164.9	175.5	..	0.01
Special Sits	64.7	68.9	..	1.27
Formerly Atlanta UT Managers				
Japan Far East	66.5	70.8	+0.2	1.45
International	70.7	75.1	+0.7	1.59
Do Acc	92.4	98.2	+0.9	1.99
Hi Income	55.8	59.3	+0.4	5.65
Fund Invest	98.3	104.5	+0.5	2.40
Do Acc	148.9	158.3	+0.8	2.40
UK Growth	21.7	23.1	+0.3	4.29
N American	44.9	47.7	+1.0	1.29
Swiss Balncd	39.5	42.0	-0.1	3.68
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	108.1	115.9	+0.8	1.04
Exempt	403.5	425.3●	+3.1	4.51
Far Eastern	214.4	229.3	-1.1	0.00
Fin & Prop	83.4	88.4	+0.8	2.40
Hi Yield	76.0	80.5	+0.7	4.72
Income & Gth	309.7	328.5●	+3.8	4.38
Intl Earnings	181.4	192.2	+1.7	2.90
Int Gth Inc	89.8	95.6	+0.4	0.23
Japan Gth Acc	153.0	163.7●	+1.1	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	117.1	125.9c	+2.6	0.53
Preference Inc	134.3	142.3	+0.1	8.55
Sml Co Div Inc	95.2	101.9c	+0.5	4.31
Sml Co Gth	285.0	301.9	+1.3	1.58
Spec Sits Inc	136.5	144.6●	+0.8	1.44
UK Growth	383.4	406.1c	+3.5	3.21
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 28291 dealing:0793 610366				
High Income	299.2	318.6	+3.6	4.85
Equity Inc	173.0	184.2c	+1.6	4.24
High Yield	178.4	186.8	+3.5	4.99
Balanced	419.4	446.7●	+4.8	3.23
Amer Inc	28.5	30.4	+0.4	4.24
World Ass Val	26.7	28.4	+0.1	1.05
Japan	139.4	148.5	+0.3	0.01
Sec of Amer	187.1	199.3●	+3.2	1.01
Asset Value	321.7	342.6●	+3.1	2.91
O'seas Earn	208.1	221.6●	+2.0	3.18
Recovery	99.9	106.4	+1.0	2.93
UK Spec Sits	259.9	276.8	+2.2	2.61
Smlr Co	169.2	180.2c	+0.9	2.24
Capital	255.0	271.6	+2.8	2.94
Amer Spec Sit	62.2	66.2	+0.8	1.50
International	91.9	97.9c	+0.6	1.01
Growth & Inc	153.2	163.2	+1.7	3.47
Euro Gth	18.0	19.2	+0.3	1.30
Pacific	219.9	234.2●	..	0.20
2nd Smlr Co	193.6	206.2	+1.1	1.91
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capital	79.7	85.1	+0.6	3.21

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Shrt Gt Fxd Int	51.4	52.3	..	1.39
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 ONB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	34.7	36.9s	+0.3	2.75
Income	44.0	46.8s	+0.3	4.41
Far East	30.0	31.9s	+0.3	0.20
Nth American	28.5	30.0s	+0.2	0.87
Global	45.6	48.5	-0.3	0.71
European	40.0	42.8	-0.5	1.25
Japan	87.4	93.0	+1.0	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.8	54.1	+0.3	1.37
Do Acc	47.5	50.6	-0.7	3.31
Intl Currency	45.2	48.1	-0.3	5.90
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE Tel: 01-588 0998				
Capital	403.8	431.0	+4.5	3.14
European S S	50.8	53.9	-0.4	3.02
Far East S S	51.6	55.0	-0.2	0.85
Gold Gen S S	56.5	60.2	..	0.85
Income	352.6	376.4	+4.1	5.00
Intl Sp Sits	49.8	53.1	+0.2	1.93
Nth Amer	237.9	253.9	+3.2	1.89
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment	440.05	c	..	4.93
Fixed Int	148.15		..	9.78
Deposit	100.0		..	8.25
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	414.9	c	..	5.18
Acc	£13.0335		..	
Deposit	100.0		..	7.90
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622				
Man Retrmnt	22.8	24.1	..	..
SC Special Sits	65.0	68.8●	..	0.39
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 OJH Tel: 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	20.7	22.0	+0.6	0.37
Atlas Gth	22.8	24.3	+0.3	0.79
Dragon Gth	25.3	26.8	+0.1	1.72
Equity Hi Inc	59.1	62.5●	+0.4	4.75
Do Acc	59.9	63.4	+0.3	4.75
European Gth	25.7	27.2	+0.1	1.51
Gen Equity	49.2	52.1	+0.3	2.91
G/F Intrst Gth	32.7	34.5	..	7.42
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.7	26.0c	+0.1	8.94
Intl Income Tst	23.4	24.8	+0.2	5.51
Japan Gth	45.7	48.4●	+0.5	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.5	31.3●	+0.2	2.25
Special Sits	37.1	39.3	+0.3	1.97
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	53.4	56.8●	+0.3	2.70
Do Acc	55.8	59.1●	+0.3	2.70
Income Inc	55.3	58.8●	+0.2	3.66
Do Acc	58.0	61.7●	+0.2	3.66
Worldwide Inc	44.5	47.6c	-0.1	0.56
Do Acc	44.9	48.0c	-0.1	0.56
Gemma Inc	35.6	37.9	-0.3	7.05
Do Acc	35.7	38.0	-0.4	1.05
Amer Gth	55.3	58.8	-0.3	0.72
Euro Gth	53.8	57.2	..	0.86
Far East	65.3	69.5	-1.1	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.8	50.6	..	8.21
World Bond	48.9	51.7	-0.2	5.45
Private Inv Pt	47.8	50.9	-0.4	3.29
Profess Inv Pt	49.2	52.3	-2.1	2.01
Progrss Inv Pt	49.2	52.3	-2.1	2.01
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	110.0	117.3c	+2.4	0.85
Canadian Gth	21.9	23.3	+0.3	..
European Tst	93.8	99.8●	-1.2	..
Growth Tst	266.4	284.1	+3.4	3.01
High Income	318.8	340.0	+3.9	5.06
Intl Tech Tst	108.9	116.1●	+1.7	..
Investment	26.9	28.6	+0.1	..
Japanese Tst	233.9	249.4	+1.0	..
Man Int	27.6	29.4	+0.4	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	179.6	191.0	+2.2	3.24
Do Inc	149.1	158.6	+1.8	3.24
Higher Inc Acc	335.4	356.8	+4.2	4.36
Do Inc	253.7	269.8	+3.2	4.36
Gilts & Fxd Acc	111.8	117.6	+0.1	8.55
Do Inc	83.8	88.0	..	8.55
N Amer Acc	124.9	132.8	+3.0	0.74
Far East Acc	205.8	218.9	-0.8	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	134.9	143.5	+1.9	0.59
Gen Tst	263.2	280.0	+3.8	3.54
Brit Excell	40.6	43.1●	+0.5	2.95
Br Fdmtls Inc	50.2	53.3	+0.4	5.87
Do Acc	50.2	53.3	+0.4	5.87
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	60.5	64.8	..	0.68
UK Inc Fd	92.0	98.5	..	4.40
Far East Fd	90.4	96.7	..	0.00
Overseas Inc	58.7	63.9●	..	4.50
Fxd Interest	53.2	57.0●	..	9.80
Natural Res Fd	61.3	65.6●	..	1.78
European Inc	62.6	67.0	..	2.25
Financials Fd	45.9	49.1	..	2.49
Intl Tech Fd	104.0	111.3	..	0.75
US Gth	69.1	74.0	..	2.17
US Major	47.8	51.0	..	0.69
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	67.73	72.06	-0.21	..
Do Inc	65.82	70.03	-0.18	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	30.10	32.03c	-0.04	..
Do Inc	28.40	30.22c	-0.04	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	57.30	60.98	-0.12	..
Do Inc	49.70	52.24●	-0.03	5.50
Serv Co Acc	68.64	73.03	-0.22	..
Do Inc	67.03	71.32	-0.23	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	23.72	25.25	+0.09	..
Do Inc	23.54	25.05	+0.10	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	16.35	17.40	-0.08	2.00
Do Inc	16.17	17.21	-0.16	2.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161				
American	102.3	109.5	..	0.78
Amer Eqty Inc	27.8	29.8	..	5.39
Amer Spec Sit	51.8	55.2	..	0.14
Australia	27.0	28.9	..	2.52
European	57.6	61.7	..	..
European Inc	21.1	22.6	..	4.23
Global Conv	22.5	24.0●	..	5.36
Far East Inc	39.6	42.2●	..	3.48
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.3	29.6●	..	9.98
Growth & Inc	112.7	120.9●	..	4.69
Japan Spec Sit	75.7	81.0	..	..
Japan	166.8	178.4	..	..
Managed Intl	129.3	137.6	..	0.48
Inc Plus	102.6	110.1●	..	4.56
Famous Names	40.5	43.5	..	2.52
SE Asia	41.2	44.1	..	0.86
Spec Sit	258.0	276.7	..	0.76
Eastern Opps	24.5	26.1	..	..
Intl Bond	24.9	26.5	..	6.56
Recovery	29.0	31.1	..	2.34
Moneybuilder	22.2	23.1	..	3.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Amer Smlr Cos	187.5	191.5	+3.0	..
Do Acc	185.4	195.6	+3.0	..
Amer Turn Inc	207.7	219.2●	+2.6	..
Do Acc	215.5	227.4●	+2.7	..
Capital Inc	271.6	286.6	+1.3	2.25
Do Acc	336.8	355.4	+1.7	2.25
Conv/Gilt Inc	104.6	110.3●	+0.2	5.50
Do Acc	149.8	158.0●	+0.2	5.50
European Inc	56.6	59.5●	+0.2	1.19
Do Acc	57.3	60.4●	+0.2	1.19
Extra Inc Inc	245.0	258.5	+1.9	4.55
Do Acc	275.9	291.1	+2.1	4.55
Financial Acc	44.5	46.9	+0.2	1.02
Do Inc	44.1	46.5	+0.2	1.02
Income Tst	166.2	175.4●	+1.3	4.04
Do Acc	185.9	196.2●	+1.5	4.04
Intl Growth Fd	150.9	159.2	+1.6	..
Do Acc	167.5	176.7	+1.7	..
Japan/Gen Inc	121.4	128.2	-0.2	..
Do Acc	122.6	129.3	-0.3	..
Monthly Inc Fd	127.8	134.8●	-1.0	4.11
PEP 87		53.5	+0.3	2.43
PEP 88	55.0	58.0	..	2.16
Recovery	185.2	195.4	+2.4	1.78

The prices in this section refer to Wednesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days. (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 75.2 (day's range 75.1-75.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for June 30

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7030-1.7165	1.7060-1.7070	0.24-0.21pr	0.80-0.75pr
Montrl	2.0595-2.0881	2.0854-2.0883	0.14p-0.06ds	0.28-0.04pr
Amstrdm	3.5041-3.5171	3.5057-3.5094	1¼-1⅛pr	4¾-4½pr
Brussels	64.90-65.33	64.98-65.19	27-11pr	66-49pr
Copnhgn	11.7584-11.8318	11.8082-11.8226	1⅜-⅛pr	4⅝-3½pr
Dublin	1.1547-1.1628	1.1561-1.1571	30-22pr	86-67pr
Frankft	3.1049-3.1180	3.1049-3.1084	1½-1pr	4⅛-3⅝pr
Lisbon	251.27-254.27	253.27-254.27	30-67ds	107-207ds
Madrid	206.89-208.00	207.30-207.77	4-25ds	21-42ds
Milan	2304.56-2314.70	2304.56-2307.61	6pr-21ds	par-7ds
Oslo	11.2806-11.3430	11.3278-11.3430	2⅝-3⅜ds	8⅝-9⅞ds
Paris	10.4697-10.5204	10.4697-10.4810	2⅛-1½pr	6⅜-4⅞pr
Stckhlm	10.6809-10.7384	10.7086-10.7200	⅜-1¼ds	1-2⅛ds
Tokyo	227.13-228.31	228.01-228.31	1¼-⅞pr	3⅜-2⅞pr
Vienna	21.85-21.93	21.85-21.88	10-9pr	29⅜-27⅞pr
Zurich	2.5744-2.5859	2.5744-2.5776	1½-1pr	4⅛-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	18.7550-18.8513
Australia dollar	2.1582-2.1623
Bahrain dinar	0.6455-0.6495
Brazil cruzado *	327.29-329.13
Cyprus pound	0.81-0.82
Finland marka	7.3475-7.3875
Greece drachma	248.0-250.0
Hong Kong dollar	13.2961-13.3057
India rupee	24.04-24.24
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4815-0.4855
Malaysia ringgit	4.4483-4.4527
Mexico peso	3850-3950
New Zealand dollar	2.5390-2.5444
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.4150-6.4550
Singapore dollar	3.4901-3.4939
S Africa rand (fin)	5.7830-5.8853
S Africa rand (com)	3.9873-3.9732
U A E dirham	6.2825-6.3225

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4730-1.4745	Denmark	6.9250-6.9300	Italy	1351.0-1352.0
Singapore	2.0470-2.0480	W Germany	1.8210-1.8220	Belgium (Com)	38.16-38.23
Malaysia	2.6090-2.6100	Switzerland	1.5120-1.5130	Hong Kong	7.8020-7.8030
Australia	1.2658-1.2674	Netherlands	2.0535-2.0545	Portugal	148.60-149.00
Canada	1.2085-1.2095	France	6.1420-6.1450	Spain	121.40-121.80
Sweden	6.2760-6.2810	Japan	133.45-133.55	Austria	12.80-12.82
Norway	6.6425-6.6475				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9½ Finance Hse 8½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9½ Low 7½ Week fixed: 8¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 9⅜ 3 mth – 9⅜
Selling: 2 mth – 9⅜ 3 mth – 9⅜
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 9⁵⁄₃₂-9¹⁄₃₂
2 mth: 9¹⁵⁄₃₂-9⅜ 3 mth: 9¹⁹⁄₃₂-9⅝ 6 mth 9¾-9⅝
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 9¾
2 mth: 10⅛ 3 mth: 10¼ 6 mth 10¼
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8½ close 15½
1 week: 8⅞-8¾ 1 mth: 9⅞-9¾ 3 mth: 10¹⁄₁₆-10
6 mth: 10⅜-10¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 10⁵⁄₁₆-³⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 10⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8⅝ 7 day: 8¾ 1 mth: 9
3 mth: 9½ 6 mth: 9¾ 12 mth: 10
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9⅜-9¼ 2 mth: 9⅝-9½ 3 mth: 9⅞-9¾
6 mth: 10⅛-9⅞ 9 mth: 10⅛-9⅞ 12 mth: 10¼-10
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 9⅜-9¼
3 mth: 9⅝-9¹¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 10¹⁄₁₆-9⅞ 12 mth 10¹⁄₁₆-9⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 7.70-7.65
3 mth: 7.75-7.70 6 mth: 7.90-7.85 12 mth 7.90-7.85

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7¾	7⅞-7¾	8-7⅞
Call: 7¾-6¾				
Deutschemark:	4⅜-4¼	4⅝-4½	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⅝-4½
Call: 4¼-3¼				
French Franc:	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝-7½	7¾-7⅝	7⅞-7¾
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	3½-3¼	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4³⁄₁₆-4¹⁄₁₆	4⅜-4¼	4½-4⅜	4⅝-4½
Call: 3¾-2¾				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1988. Agreed rates July 26, 1988 to August 23, 1988. Scheme I: 10.21 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.12 per cent. Reference rate June 1, 1988 to June 30, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 8.909 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $436.75-437.25 Close: $435.50-436.00
High: $437.50-438.00 Low: $435.50-436.00

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $448.50-453.50 (£263.00-266.00)
Krugerrand: $434.00-437.00 (£254.50-256.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $448.50-453.50 (£263.00-266.00)
American Eagles: $448.50-453.50 (£263.00-266.00)
New Sovereigns: $102.50-103.50 (£60.00-60.75)
Old Sovereigns: $102.50-104.00 (£60.00-61.00)
Platinum: $549.25 (£322.35)
Palladium: $124.25 (£72.90)
Silver: $6.63-6.65 (£3.890-3.905)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 29738		
Sep 88	89.92	89.92	89.71	89.73	10593
Dec 88	89.94	89.95	89.77	89.77	651
Mar 89	89.97	89.97	89.77	89.78	232
Jun 89	89.97	89.97	89.77	89.78	12
Sep 89	89.88	89.88	89.88	89.80	27
Dec 89	89.84	89.84	89.84	89.76	14
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 30208		
Sep 88	91.98	92.04	91.97	92.01	4156
Dec 88	91.63	91.68	91.63	91.66	640
Mar 89	91.44	91.48	91.44	91.48	186
Jun 89	91.31	91.31	91.30	91.32	61
Sep 89	91.15	91.15	91.16	91.18	1
Dec 89	NT	—	—	91.06	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7822		
Sep 88	88-02	88-21	87-31	88-18	13875
Dec 88	87-03	87-20	87-03	87-21	2
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 38071		
Sep 88	94-00	94-08	93-28	93-31	17811
Dec 88	NT	—	—	94-01	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 10942		
Jun 88	186.00	186.30	185.80	186.30	175
Sep 88	187.00	187.40	186.00	186.20	930
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 616		
Sep 88	103.00	103.00	102.51	102.52	893
Dec 88	101.41	101.64	101.41	101.70	30

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

A jittery Brent market blipped 40cts up in early trade, partly a correction to yesterday's slide and partly in expectation of position-squaring ahead of the 4th July weekend. Prices trailed off again *during the afternoon as the screen failed to deliver.*

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	14.25	-20
15 day Jul	14.30	-20
15 day Aug	14.50	-25
WTI Aug	15.35	-25
WTI Sep	15.50	-25

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		182-183	-1
Gasoil EEC	-1	127-128	-1
Non 1H Jul	-1	128-129	-1
Non 2H Aug	-2	127-128	-1
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	65-67	-1
Naphtha	-1	147-148	-1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Jul 88	Hi 1210-1195	Low	Close 1210.0
Oct 88	Hi 1351-1337	Low	Close 1351.0
Jan 89	Hi 1375-1363	Low	Close 1375.0
Apr 89	Hi ———	Low	Close 1405.0

Vol 350 lots *Open interest 2572*
Dry cargo index 1208.5 –15.5 on 29/6/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Jul	128.75-28.50
Aug	127.50-27.25
Sep	128.00-27.75
Oct	129.75-29.50
Nov	131.50-31.25
Dec	133.50-33.00
Jan	134.00-33.00
Feb	134.00-31.00
Mar	133.00-30.00
Vol	12750

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Jul	unq.
Aug	unq.
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	92.5	89.5
Feb	103.0	101.0
Apr	137.5	135.1
May	147.3	144.4
		Vol 326

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson

Jul 951-950	May 1015-1014
Sep 973-972	Jul 1033-1032
Dec 979-978	Sep 1052-1050
Mar 996-995	Vol 5380

COFFEE G W Joynson

Jul 1043-1040	Mar 1122-1121
Sep 1065-1064	May 1137-1130
Nov 1081-1080	Jul 1170-1150
Jan 1104-1103	Vol 8576

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 10133

Aug 289.0-86.0	Mar 275.0-74.0
Oct 289.0-88.4	May 271.4-71.0
Dec 285.0-83.0	Aug 288.0-82.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 469
Jl 106.75 Sp 107.15 Nv 109.80
Ja 112.60 Mr 114.90 My 117.10
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 112
Sp 102.50 Nv 105.55 Ja 108.50
Mr 110.85 My 112.25

SOYABEAN

Aug 197.0-94.0	Apr 201.0-87.0
Oct 194.5-93.5	Jun 196.0-85.0
Dec 197.0-83.0	Aug 195.0-85.0
Feb 201.0-87.0	Vol 432

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1372.0-1373.0	1330.0-1332.0	406550	Firmer
Copper Stand	1300.0-1320.0	1280.0-1300.0	50	Quiet
Lead	382.00-383.00	377.00-376.00	122100	Bly Stdy
Zinc Hi Gde	744.00-745.00	724.00-725.00	61300	Easy
Silver Large†	661.00-664.00	673.00-676.00	84	Quiet
Silver Small†	661.00-664.00	673.00-676.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1520.0-1525.0	1486.0-1487.0	476400	Easy
Aluminium Hi	2750.0-2800.0	2670.0-2720.0	28600	Quiet
Nickel*	14450-14500	14100-14150	12894	Easy

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	unq.	90.00
Oct	unq.	95.00
Nov	unq.	95.5
Feb	unq.	95.3

Live Cattle Contract

Jul	unq.	unq.
Aug	unq.	unq.

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on June 30

(kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	67.66	167.90	110.16
GB (+/–)	-2.88	*-7.48	-3.48
Eng/Wal (%)	+1.5	-3.1	-8.4
Eng/Wal (p)	67.43	168.21	109.77
Eng/Wal (+/–)	-2.86	-8.64	-3.94
Scotland (%)	-7.3	+27.9	+9.4
Scotland (p)	73.29	154.84	111.39
Scotland (+/–)	-3.04	-17.13	-2.36

* Estimated dead carcase weight

On the 25th anniversary of the Marchwood Engineering Laboratory, **Pearce Wright** reviews the industry

Big savings lift morale as the sell-off looms

A five-year audit by the Central Electricity Generating Board shows its research division made direct savings of £1,800 million from its work and equal economies in indirect benefits. The investigation into the cost-effectiveness of spending on research was a unique exercise in an industrial organization.

But its conclusions must be a welcome boost for the morale of more than 2,000 graduate scientists, engineers and support staff who form the teams of problem-solvers in the board's research division, which faces uncertainties with privatization on the horizon.

It also provides a timely bouquet to mark the 25th anniversary of the Marchwood Engineering Laboratories, one of the CEGB's three main research centres.

Within the research family, Marchwood is sometimes referred to as the Big Rig, reflecting that the site, near Southampton, was chosen for the space available to build full-scale replicas to test structures for new power-station designs and their machinery.

With 110 graduate research officers and 320 support staff, Marchwood is, in numbers, the smallest of the research triad. Next comes the Berkeley Laboratories, in Gloucestershire, where 95 per cent of the activities are dedicated to nuclear energy questions.

The largest of the group is the Central Electricity Research Laboratories, at Leatherhead, Surrey.

Solving problems affecting any aspect of electrical power generation, construction and transmission calls for close collaboration between research centres and their clients, who are the operators of the power stations.

In the period since the research division was formed 30 years ago, the conundrums to be resolved have increased in complexity as power stations have grown bigger, and as environmental factors and safety have loomed larger in the equations.

But the latest and most difficult problem they have ever faced is not strictly speaking a technical one.

Government plans for privatization for the electricity industry have not yet considered the issue of how to farm out the resources of the central research services when the CEGB is turned into Big G (with 75 per cent of power generation, including nuclear), Little G (with 25 per cent of generation) and a transmission company.

Derek Davis, the CEGB board member for research, who will fight the corner for the division when competing for resources, says the industry will need the same direct access to first-class research and development as it does now.

The research division is run on a "matrix" management concept. The management head of each of the laboratories reports to a director of laboratories, Dr Les Mitchell. He evaluates their requirements and prepares budgets.

Three other directors have specific responsibilities for the future interests of the CEGB in a number of broad categories.

In nuclear power, Dr Eric Carpenter covers the spread of research and technology needed to support the Magnox, AGR (advanced gas-cooled reactor) and PWR (pressurized water reactor) designs.

Advances in the efficiency of conventional plant, transmission and control systems are the prime concern of Dr Jim Lawton.

Environment research, and a wider advisory role on long-term strategy to the board, is the responsibility of a group working with Dr Peter Chester.

In effect, Mr Davis and his four directors can be regarded either as the five wise men of research or, perhaps, five men in a boat.

Over the last three years the CEGB has adopted the "customer-contractor principle" for managing research. It operates with the research division regarding the rest of the organization in terms of potential clients.

The idea is translated into practice through BOATs, which stands for Business Opportunities and Threats. A BOAT is a mechanism for defining the criteria for any programme of research, development and design.

Mr Davis believes the client-contractor relationship ensures that what is done is required, cost-effective research.

As a part of this process, a client is usually a sponsor for a BOAT proposed by one of the research groups. Each BOAT is broken down into the various elements of the research programme, explaining the reason and objectives of the project.

Each BOAT proposal is reviewed by an appropriate research requirement panel attached to one of the construction, operating or transmission divisions of the board.

Mr Davis calculates that when the cost of design work done by the board is included, the CEGB is spending 2.3 per cent of its income on research and development. He believes that compares favourably in international terms with similar types of heavy-engineering enterprises.

Nevertheless, Mr Davis says that in deciding what is necessary for the future, there is a tranche of work for which researchers may not obtain a client. His job is then to get support for that work from other executives on the board.

Much of the environmental work comes into this category because it covers wider and longer term issues than those facing the average client, usually a plant operator, on a day-to-day basis.

In addition to the big central laboratories, several small ones provide direct support to area boards for immediate problem-solving. At sites such as Marchwood and the Central Electricity Research Laboratories, the teams are engaged in a spread of work across every type of fuel. Some groups may be working on nuclear and non-nuclear programmes at the same time.

Hence one of the problems to be faced with the approach of privatization.

There is also another period of transition ahead in the development of nuclear power. More than 40 per cent of the board's research work is devoted to gas-cooled reactor systems, and about 15 per cent to PWRs.

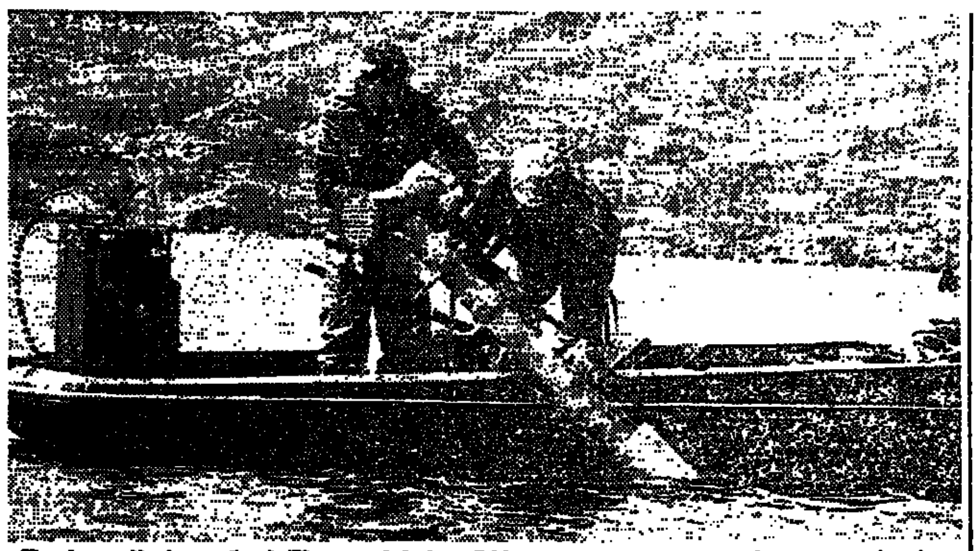
As Sizewell B comes closer, as the first PWR in Britain, there will be a shift in the balance of nuclear work.

Little more than ten years ago, more than half the board's research effort was dedicated to conventional energy generation. Now it copes with about a quarter. In the same period, efforts have doubled on environmental studies.

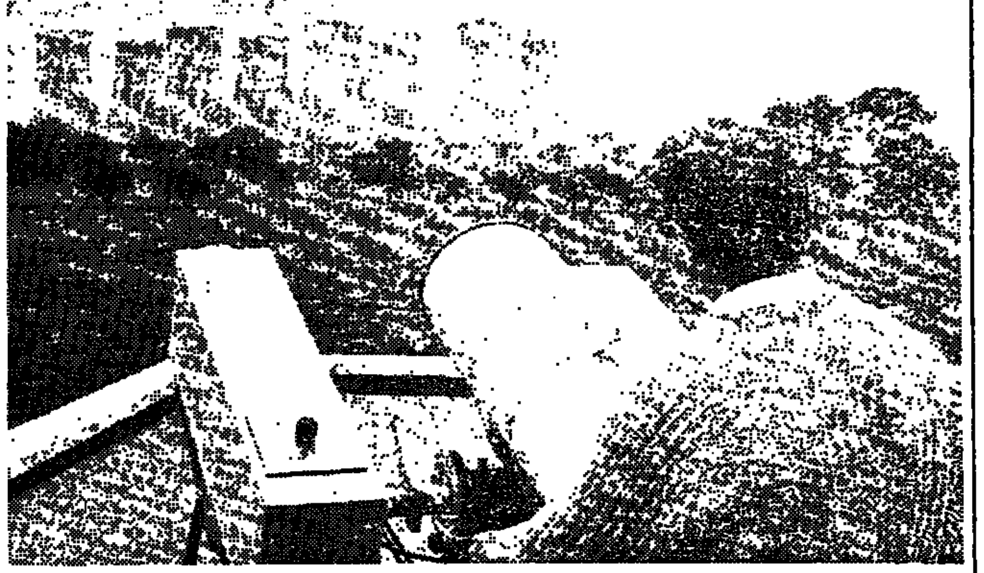
In the future, Mr Davis sees the focus of work on the conventional side moving toward producing efficient smaller generating systems, as well as to developing cleaner ways of burning coal and to coal "gasification".

The options confronting the directors over the future of the research division include making it part of Big G to forming a separate research organization serving the needs of all the companies, as a fully or partly funded organization.

Whatever the structure, Mr Davis says that the newly shaped industry will still have the same kind of technical problems as the present industry.



Testing pollution at Loch Fleet, and, below, Lidar measures power station contamination



Switched on to keeping the surrounds clean

The trouble with environmental discussions is that "where fact leaves a vaccum, fantasy floods in," according to Dr Peter Chester, using a line borrowed from the play *Lettice and Lovage*.

As director of environmental research for the Central Electricity Generating Board, he must ensure that effective studies are done to understand the ecological impact of solid, liquid and gaseous discharges from power stations.

Over the last 10 years environmental research by the CEGB has doubled to more than £25 million a year The spotlight of research has broadened to discover the impact of discharges on the environment.

Reflecting the growing concern about acid rain, the member countries of the European Community agreed three weeks ago on plans to curb discharges of sulphur-dioxide and nitrogen oxides. These have important implications for power stations, which in Britain emit about half of the sulphur dioxide from combustion plant and a large portion of the nitrogen oxides.

Though both gases are components of acid rain, their effects on ecology is different. Long-term changes in soil occur with increased levels of sulphur dioxide in acid rain. The impact is a two-stage process. First, the soil gradually becomes too acidic. Subsequently, the additional acid rain then trickles through the layers of soil and leaches out aluminium, which is bad for fish, into rivers and lakes, rather than calcium which is beneficial to aquatic life.

Concern about nitrogen oxides involves the salt of air pollution that was given the name smog, when it rose to nuisance proportions in Los Angeles 15 years ago. A photo-chemical reaction triggered by sunlight between nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons produces a secondary pollutant, ozone. Though strenuous efforts are being made to protect the natural belt of ozone in the stratosphere, high concentrations in the lower atmosphere are leading to a new type of forest decline by damaging the leaves and needles of trees.

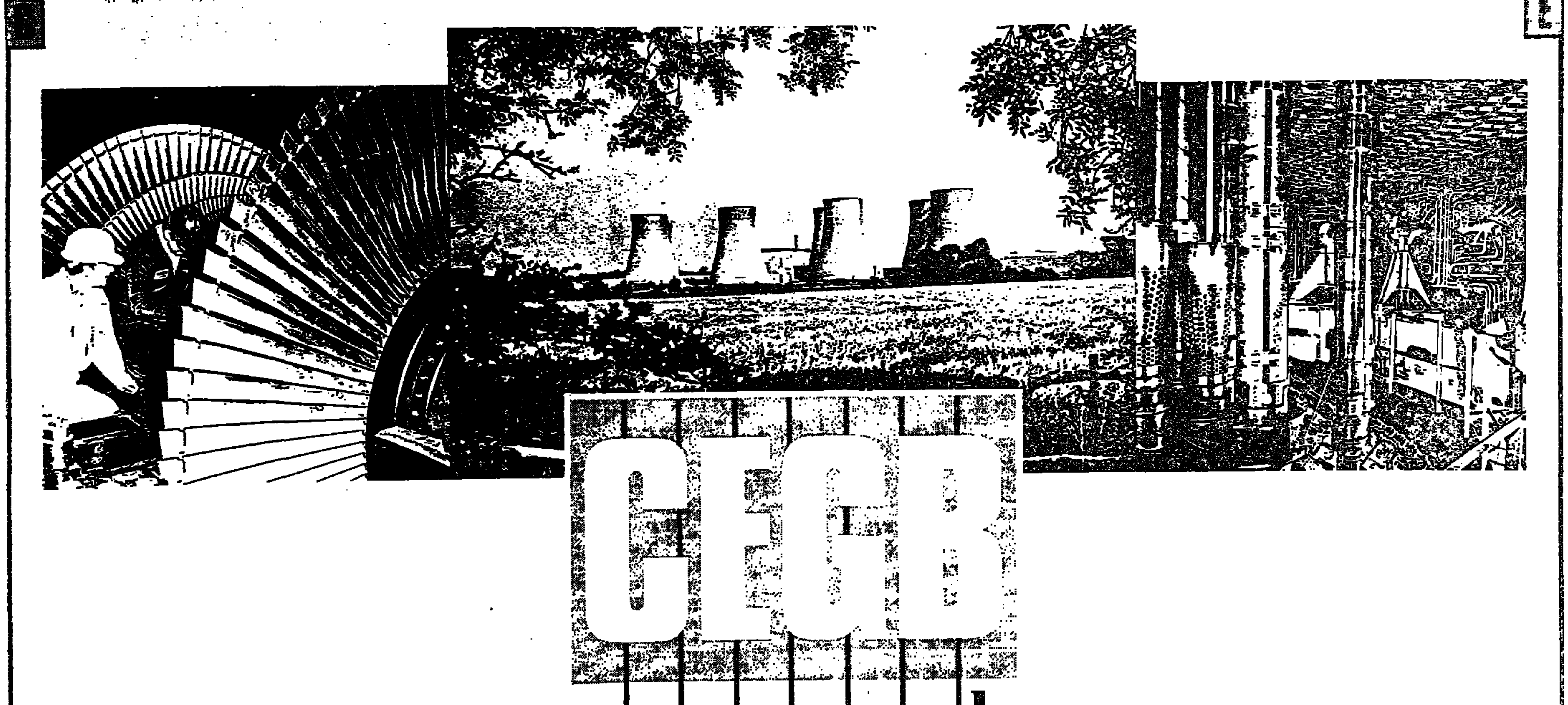
Understanding the mechanics behind the change in soil and the damaged trees is still incomplete. Two broad avenues of work are covered by the board's own research teams. The programmes extend work by environmental physicists at the Central Electricity Research Laboratories into the way dust and gases disperse.

A new atmospheric chemistry section is refining the physical models. The tools of the new team include the photo-chemical reaction chamber, the computer and an airborne chemistry laboratory. The aim is to discover exactly what a power station emits, how the discharges travel to their ultimate destinations and what changes occur.

The question of what the discharges do when they finally come to ground is the subject of a growing research team, which includes two outstations of the CEGB looking at fresh-water and marine biology, soil science, plant physiology and material science.

These are time-scales far longer than those to which industry is accustomed. But an experiment supported by the CEGB and British Coal is designed to see whether soil can be helped to recover more quickly. The scheme called the Loch Fleet Project, first involved a study of the soil and drainage into the waterway. The loch was devoid of fish life for years.

In the new experiment, after limestone was applied to parts of the catchment area, there was an immediate drop in levels of calcium, acidity and aluminium in the main stream flowing into the loch.



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Scientists lead £135m battle against pollution

Since the days of Michael Faraday, the generation of electricity has been in the forefront of technology. *The esoteric disciplines of* thermodynamics, fuel chemistry and metallurgy underpin the basic operation of power stations, ensuring that these gigantic "steam kettles" produce electricity as efficiently as possible.

But, increasingly, scientists involved in power generation have found themselves having to branch out into other areas as well. The use of nuclear fuel to generate electricity has spawned a vast research effort.

Concern over the effect that the by-products of power generation may be having on the environment, such as acid rain, have led to the setting up of research units devoted to studying atmospheric pollution.

The Central Electricity Generating Board's research and development programme, currently worth about £135 million, centres on three large laboratories based in the South of England: the Central Electricity Research Laboratories (CERL) near Leatherhead, Surrey, the Marchwood Engineering Laboratories (MEL) near Southampton, and Berkeley Nuclear Laboratories (BNL) in Gloucestershire.

CERL is the largest of the three, and has the widest scientific scope. About 300 research staff work there, the research activities being split into six areas, ranging from developing new instrument gauges to understanding the chemistry of entire lakes and rivers.

Over the last few years CERL has emerged as the the major centre for the CEGB's research into the controversial area of the environmental impact of power generation. The Act of Parliament which formed the CEGB in 1957 included a clause ensuring that the environment would be a major concern for the industry.

The CEGB now has more than 100 scientists and engineers working on this area alone, with an annual research budget of £4 million plus. The development of technology to put this anti-pollution research into practice takes another £12 million.

The CEGB's research looks at the possible effects on both land and water.

CERL has an out-station in Hampshire, the Fawley Marine Biological Laboratory, which is a centre for research on acid waters. The Freshwater Biology Unit at Ratcliffe on Soar, near Nottingham, also investigates possible effect on rivers.

The Marchwood Engineering Laboratories, opened in 1963, is the centre *for the board's research into* ways of improving the combustion of coal, and taking out the sulphur and oxides of nitrogen claimed to cause acid rain.

About 85 per cent of the electricity in England and Wales is produced by burning coal and oil, so much of the work of *the 100* or so scientists at *MEL* is centred on improving the efficency of this long-established power production method. Better combustion efficiency means lower levels of pollution.

But much of the engineering behind the safety and reliablity claims of the CEGB for *its nuclear power stations* is carried out at MEL.

For example, to avoid costly unscheduled reactor maintenance, components of reactors must be made as wear-resistant as possible. Long-term testing of such components is carried out at MEL.

It is at the board's Berkeley nuclear laboratories that most of the nuclear research is carried out. A measure of the sophistication of the work done here is that around 140 of the staff have doctorates.

Berkley's research effort is decided in four main areas: fuels, plant chemistry, structural mechanics and performance and safety.

The board says that BNL is one of the world's leading centres for the study of materials science, especially nuclear metallurgy. Metals *inside* the core of a reactor are subjected to severe conditions.

Predicting the effects of all this on the lifetime of the reactor is one of the tasks of BNL. It is then able to advise the CEGB on the viability of considerably *extending the life of reactors beyond that* for which they were designed to operate.

The performance and safety group at BNL carry out detailed theoretical work on, among other things, the fast breeder reactor.

Dr Leslie Mitchell, director of lab*oratories at the CEGB, has overall* responsibility for their day-to-day operation. He is also involved with ensuring the the board recruits suitably qualified young graduates and post-graduates.

Dr Mitchell says that the scope of the research work the board can offer *attracts* considerable *numbers of the best* graduates to apply each year, with applications exceeding positions by as much as 3 or 4-1.

"One of the attractions for graduates is coming into one of the biggest research organizations in the country," he says. Elsewhere, many young scientists can find themselves working on projects such as new computers or weapons systems that never see the light of day.

The CEGB can offer work of direct application, says Dr Mitchell: "A lot of our people get close to practical problems. For example, our Flying Chemistry Group studies the transport of atmospheric pollutants directly from the air. We also use infra-red cameras to look for faults on electricity transmission lines from helicopters."

Another attraction is that much of the work is perceived to be of global importance. "For example, acid rain is of public interest, so you can work on problems that you can talk about with your friends," says Dr Mitchell.

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Aeriel view: Dr Ian Funnell examining power lines from a GECB helicopter

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Temperature control: a research worker measures heat flux in a power station boiler

Quest for savings

Most of the Central Electricity Generating Board's research on conventional coal-fired generating plant has been associated with the drive to larger and yet larger turbine-generators and boilers.

In 1950, the first 60MW steam turbine-generator was commissioned. This rating was to be the standard for the future but almost before AEI (now GEC) had finished building its new Larne factory designed to make 60MW sets on a production line, the standard was changed to 120MW. And size was pushed further in one-off units until the first of the new standard of 500MW was ordered in 1966.

More than 40 of these 500MW sets were built. Now they form the largest tranche of baseload generating plant in Britain, nearly half of the CEGB's generating capacity.

It was claimed that the design was based on experience gained with the 120MW units. But teething troubles with these 500MW sets kept the research laboratories busy for several years.

Hardly had these problems been resolved when the board then introduced a standard 660MW set which has been installed mainly in the second generation (AGR) nuclear stations. Currently the CEGB is specifying a standard 900MW rating for coal-fired stations.

One of the main reasons for increasing the size of plant is to improve the efficiency of energy conversion from coal to electricity. Much research has therefore been tied up squeezing the last drop of efficiency out of power station plant by increasing the steam temperatures and reducing the exhaust temperature.

In 1950, the average thermal efficiency was about 22 per cent. By 1972, when most of the 500 MW sets had been commissioned, a 10 point rise in efficiency (to 32 per cent) had been achieved. Some 14 years on, in 1986/87, just three extra points had been gained with overall efficiency reaching 35 per cent.

Apart from these diminishing returns, size has brought other problems. For example, economics dictate that large generators should operate 24 hours a day but some of the larger sets are being subjected to frequent shut-down, usually overnight, because of the retirement of the older, smaller, and more flexible units. So methods have had to be developed to minimize mechanical damage during cooling, following shutdown, and reheating for start-up next day.

Other research includes fairly mundane long-term experiments on the strength of materials at high temperatures and high stresses, corrosion and the effect of water droplets on turbine blades.

Although the board's laboratories have built up an enormous expertise with large units, the design of the furnaces for the future 900MW boilers is said to require "extrapolation beyond our present experience", so a heat transfer computer programme has been developed to predict gas temperatures and heat fluxes in the proposed designs.

The problems of large plant have occupied much of the CEGB's research and development effort but the relentless pursuit of the philosophy of "economics of scale" has served the CEGB well because it has enabled it to be seen to be meeting its statutory obligation to produce electricity as cheaply as possible.

But, because of the diminishing returns, this philosophy has long since ceased to be commercially attractive.

One large consortium considering entering the private generation market believes the optimum economic size of a turbine-generator/boiler unit is 300MW.

Following privatization, the "economies of scale" mentality will probably be replaced by a "least cost" policy.

It is not surprising that most of the companies considering entering the private generation market after privatization are looking at smaller, cheaper plant, such as combined-cycle plant, based on the futuristic development of coal gasification, but have resisted the construction of combined heat and power plant because the output from these stations would be distributed locally (as would the heat) and not via the board's grid system.

Radio 4 signals switch on the power saver

The CEGB takes no interest in the economic use of its product, leaving this research to the electricity boards.

However, demand management to improve the economics of production is seen to come within the CEGB's scope. For example, the development of the radio teleswitch. Used in conjunction with the cheap Economy 7 night tariff, the teleswitch, which is actuated by signals transmitted over Radio 4, allows the CEGB to switch the large domestic water and storage heating loads at times best suited to the own operations.

Demand management could be extended with very little extra R&D effort. For example, the minute-by-minute marginal costs of electricity production, used to programme the operation of the cheapest stations first, could be supplied to large users in the form of a spot price.

Apart from generating plant, much of the CEGB's research has been devoted to the transmission grid. Again the effect of the "economies of scale" philosophy can be detected and the CEGB's laboratories have had to solve difficult switching problems associated with, for example, very high fault currents.

The fate of the CEGB's laboratories after privatization has still to be decided but the grid company and Big G (the private company made up of 70 per cent of the CEGB's existing power stations) will probably support most of the existing work.

Other private generators will be more cautious and may restrict work to a contract basis only.

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The alternative energy

In theory, all of Britain's electricity supply could come from renewable energy sources

Britain's renewable sources of energy – the wind, tide, solar power, geothermal hot rocks, fuel from refuse and agricultural waste – have been given a long-awaited boost in the first review to be published by the Government, *Renewable Energy in the UK: The Way Forward*.

The report discloses that the Government is prepared to earmark about £20 million a year until the end of the century on research and development into new technologies that could eventually "make a useful and economic contribution", *writes Pearce Wright*.

The supporters of renewable energy sources will probably say it is "not a lot". But coming ahead of privatization of the electricity supply industry, the study gives a clear statement of the Government's perception of this source of energy, which should be welcome.

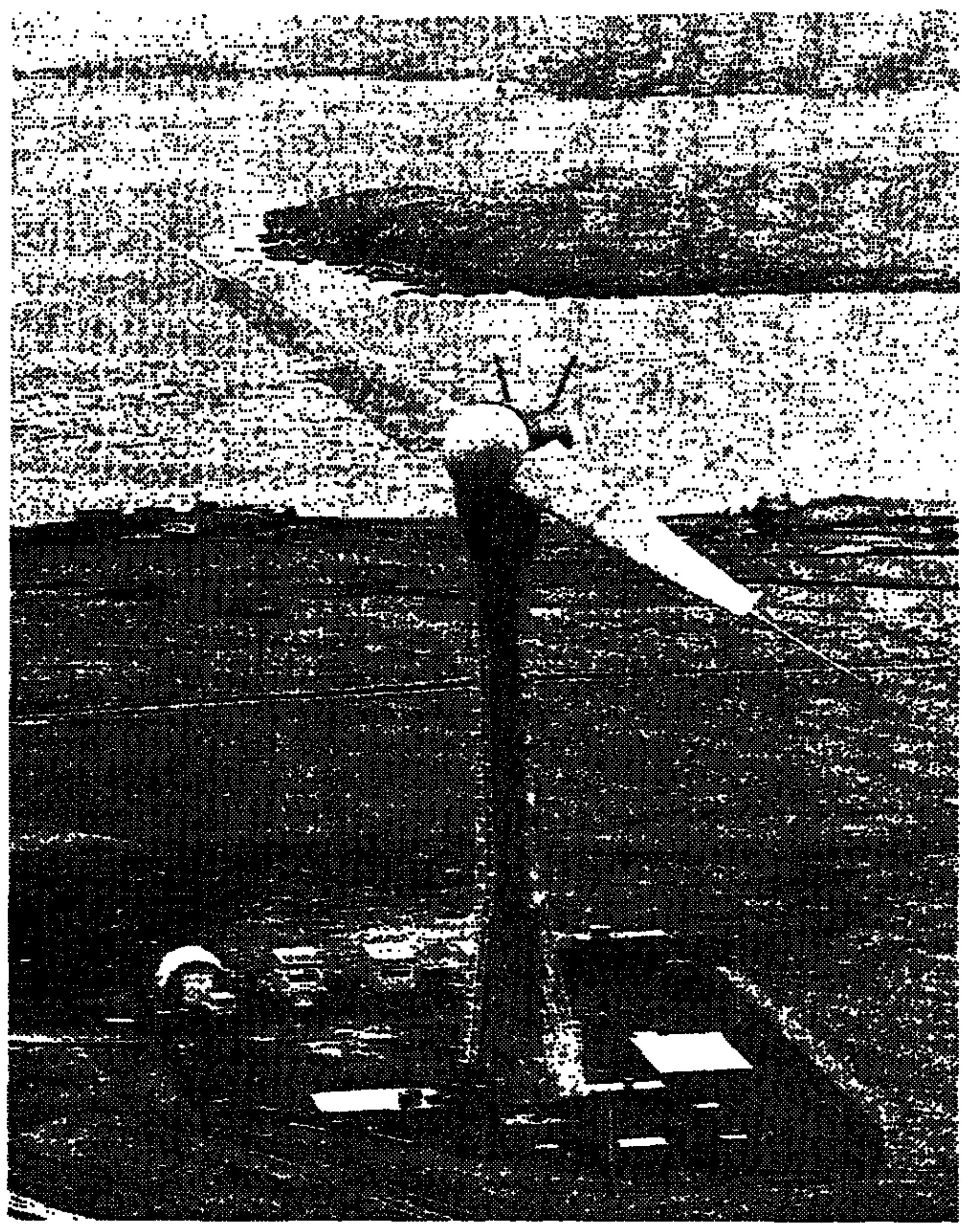
In the White Paper on privatization, the Government offers some protection for supplies of non-fossil fuels.

Environmental groups may raise eyebrows to discover that incentives for alternative energy supplies will fall into the same category as incentives for nuclear power.

More important, the Government report recognizes that attempts to develop *renewable sources of energy* have been thwarted by an unfair market, which has favoured fossil and nuclear fuels.

For instance, under local rating systems, an entrepreneur is charged 10 times *more for building some form* of power generator than the electricity boards.

Some experts see the renewable energy sources in terms of a north and south European divide. The wind and the tides offer the best prospects in the *north and solar energy in the* south. In theory, all of Britain's electricity supply could come from renewable sources of energy.



Wind of power: the Government is planning a £28 million experimental wind-farm

The report, for the Department of Energy, say that one tidal barrage across the River Severn could, within 15 years, *generate more than six per* cent of the country's demands.

At the other end of the spectrum, individual houses and buildings could help save the equivalent of 1.6 million tonnes of coal a year if architects and builders took more care to exploit "passive" solar energy.

Fuel pellets made from refuse, straw and other wastes could provide the equivalent of 15 million tonnes of coal a year by the year 2025.

An indication of how the Department of Energy ranks various developments is *reflected in recent announcements*. They include:

- £28 million for an experimental wind-farm programme with the Central Electricity Generating Board;
- *An additional £8 million* for research on geothermal hot dry rocks;
- £7 million for feasibility studies of tidal barrages;
- £5 million for design and field studies on passive solar building designs.

Dr Philip Surman, a specialist in alternative energy with the CEGB, says renewable resources have the advantage of usually being at the periphery of the electricity distribution system, where they are most needed.

Dr Surman, project manager for the CEGB's wind power schemes, says his technology received an important stimulus after the oil crisis in 1973, particularly with tax incentives to encourage research and development in the United States. *He* believes wind power is "shaking down well".

The individual wind generators built by the CEGB as demonstration machines have attracted favourable attention, and public opinion is now being sought about the plan to build three large inland wind parks.

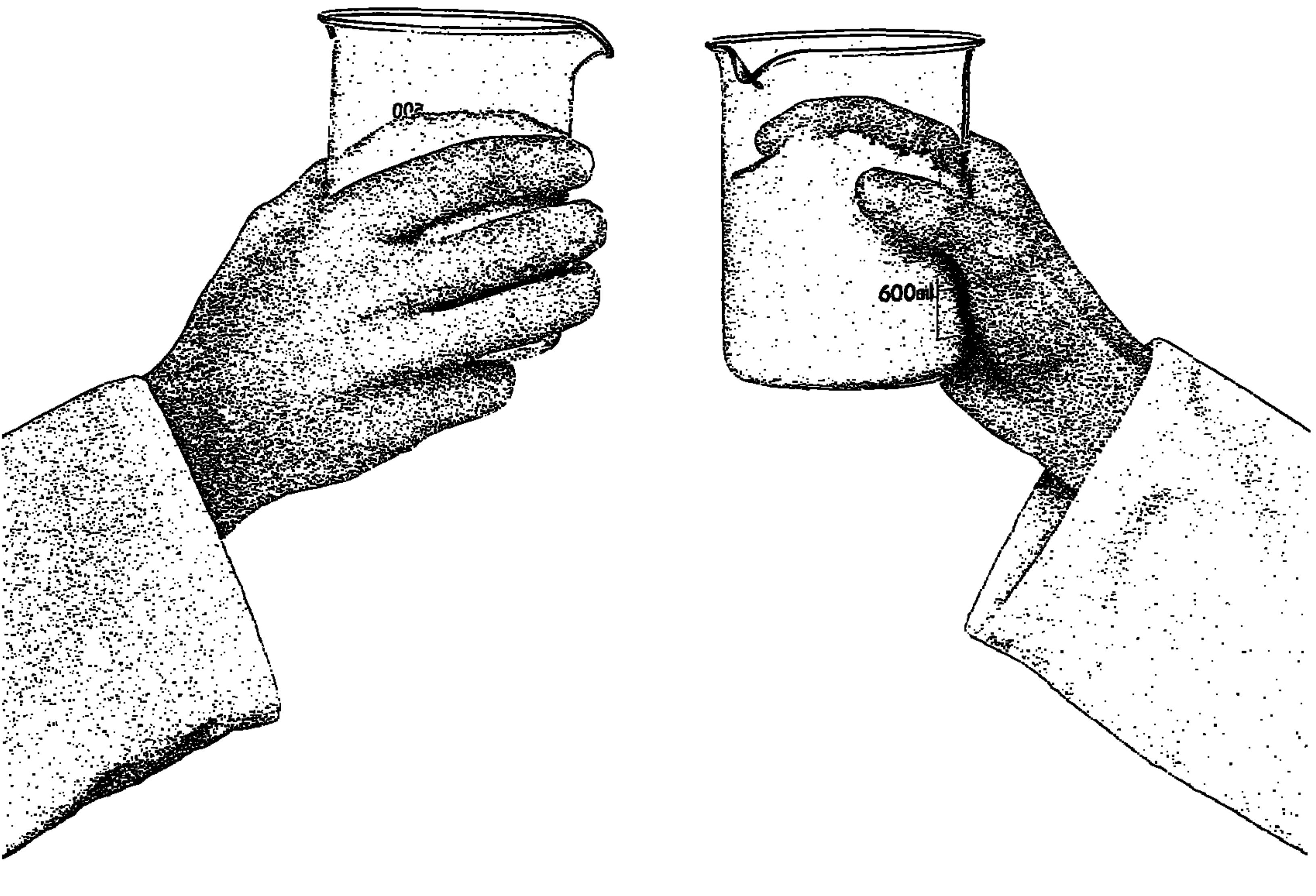
Dr Surman said: "However, wind energy prospers on hilly sites which are also recognized for their good scenery."

Hence, the CEGB is examining the use of off-shore sites for the construction of wind farms

The vast shallow waters round the British coast could, in theory, more than meet Britain's electricity supply. At the early stage of development, *off-shore* installations looked too expensive.

But researchers at the CEGB have revised their designs for off-shore operations, and believe economic systems can be developed.

They hope to test the first *off-shore machine near* Wells-next-the-Sea, in Norfolk.



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Going nuclear: how to avoid 'suprise' snags

Though nuclear stations account for only one-fifth of the Central Electricity Generating Board's electrical output, by far the majority of its research and development spending is devoted to them.

This research intensiveness is partly due to the demanding nature of the technology and, of course, the stringent safety requirements. But some of it also stems from the fact that getting Britain's present generation of nuclear plants — the Advanced Gas-cooled Reactors (AGRs) — to operate as their designers intended has proved considerably more difficult than anyone anticipated.

Work in support of AGRs accounts for about £40 million of the £125 million spent each year on nuclear research and development. About £33 million comes out of the £70 million research division budget and a further £7 million is spent on engineering development through the construction department at Barnwood.

In the words of CEGB chairman Lord Marshall, AGR technology has tended to be prone to delivering up "unpleasant surprises".

One example of an unexpected phenomenon was deposition of carbon on fuel elements and boiler tubes, reducing efficiency of heat removal from the core and entailing costly power reductions to keep to the rigorous safety requirements.

But a major research and development effort, including laboratory experiments and development of special techniques for monitoring temperatures on fuel elements deep inside the reactors has succeeded in restoring the lost generation.

Another significant achievement of the AGR research effort has been a progressive increase in the amount of electricity generated from each tonne of fuel placed in the reactor — called "burn-up".

Research of this sort clearly comes firmly under the heading of "applied", and constitutes by far the bulk of the CEGB's nuclear programme.

Dr Eric Carpenter, the CEGB's research director, Nuclear Plant, explains that in research of this type problems tend to be well defined but "often require urgent resolution, with no established practices to derive a solution."

Success in these circumstances, he believes, depends upon being able to bring in a body of specialists who are not only expert in their subject but are familiar with the design principles and operational practices and constraints at the nuclear power plants themselves.

International research

"We have to be flexible and responsive to operational needs, and this is reflected in a high degree of "interruptibility" in the research programme, such that on average some 30 per cent of the work is in response to short term needs which could not have been explicitly planned for."

But with the establishment of the PWR (pressurized water reactor) in Britain — the first of which is under construction at Sizewell — the board is looking forward to a more surprise-free future.

The hope is that the emphasis can be switched from research aimed at solving problems to programmes aimed at avoiding them in the first place — leading eventually to a decline in the R&D costs associated with nuclear power.

After the AGR, research in support of establishing the PWR accounts for the next largest chunk of CEGB nuclear R&D spending, around £36 million of the £125 million total.

At this stage most of the effort is going into "validation of the safety case", to use their jargon. This essentially means providing final fully documented confirmation that Sizewell B meets UK criteria in every detail.

Warrior under test: a triumph of welding deep inside the Oldbury Magnox reactor

It is intended to be essentially a one-off effort that will stand the board, and its successor, in good stead for Hinkley Point C and subsequent PWRs.

One undeniable advantage of the PWR over Britain's home-grown gas cooled types is that, as the PWR accounts for more than 60 per cent of world nuclear installed capacity, considerable benefit can be drawn from being a member of a worldwide club.

The CEGB is already active in international research programmes, for example on the simplification of pipework and on steam generators (the equivalent of the boilers in a PWR), which have been a particular source of difficulties.

But the CEGB is not just a recipient of knowledge from overseas. It is also in a position to put a good deal back into the world PWR community.

For example the LOMI decontamination process, developed at Berkeley Nuclear Laboratories, is in wide use in a number of countries and the test rigs at Marchwood are unique in the world in their ability to subject PWR valves to the exactly the same arduous conditions that they would encounter in real reactors. They are attracting interest from potential overseas clients.

Dr Carpenter cites the Marchwood valve rigs as an example of strategic research, where "neither the client departments nor the plant itself has got around to letting us know what work they want."

Another example particularly dear to him is the highly successful CEGB programme of work on sophisticated robotic manipulators that can perform very clever feats of inspection and repair in the innards of reactors, where human access is out of the question.

A recent triumph was the carrying out of welds deep inside the Oldbury Magnox reactor with a remarkable machine called Warrior (Welding and Repair Robot in Oldbury Reactors) a case where the name was made up after the acronym if ever there was one.

Magnox units, such as Oldbury, were Britain's first generation of reactors. R&D efforts for them are largely directed at dealing with the problems of old age. As well as making enormous strides in remote monitoring inspection and repair, such as Warrior, the research division has improved basic understanding of how and why reactor materials age, in particular the problem of oxidation.

CEGB researchers have also made fundamental contributions to the science of fracture mechanics and defect assessment. The board's formal procedures, known enigmatically as R6, are now widely adopted worldwide.

As to the final decommissioning of the reactor cores of Magnox units, the board's researchers believe, on the basis of detailed analysis, that this can be safely delayed for 100 years or so, with a reduction in the overall dose to the public — to say nothing of savings of a billion pounds or more.

This is presumably part of the justification for the board's recent decision to withdraw from the UK Atomic Energy Authority's project to decommission the small prototype AGR at Windscale.

But the prime reason was that the project failed to meet the board's cost-benefit criteria. The techniques being developed at Windscale were not considered sufficienty applicable to the board's own reactors.

But decommissioning is not the only UKAEA programme out of favour with the electricity generators just now.

Lord Marshall, who as well as being chairman of the CEGB is also chairman designate of Big G, the privatized generation company which will take on the CEGB's nuclear interests, has explained recently that shareholders in Big G would be very unlikely to support development of the fast breeder reactor (intended to be the reactor design of the future, using "fast" neutrons to breed new fuel).

He considers such long term projects to be a matter for the government.

Ironically, it was only recently that the CEGB started putting substantial funding into the FBR programme, around £30 million per year.

Another issue raised by privatization is of course the future of the nuclear research function itself. It seems likely that activities bearing on safety, which in practice means a very large proportion, will continue along similar lines.

This is because under the UK licensing system safety is the ultimate responsibility of the utility and the utility alone. A primary responsibility of the Research Division is to help the utility meet this responsibility.

"To do this, the division is continually exploring the boundaries of knowledge in safety related topics," says Dr Carpenter.

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CEGB nuclear research spending (£m)

PROJECT	RESEARCH		DEVELOPMENT
	Internal	External*	
Magnox	7	0	0
Fuel cycle (waste, transport, etc)	3	1	3
AGR	20	13	7
PWR	7	17	12
FBR	1	0	34

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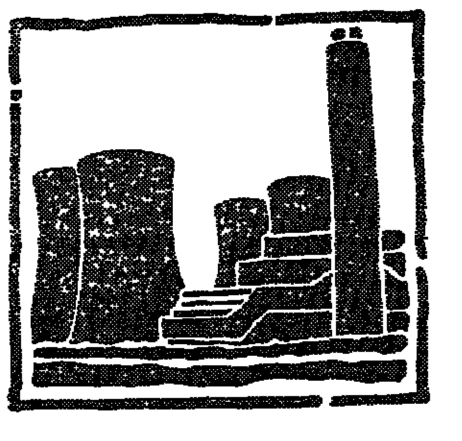

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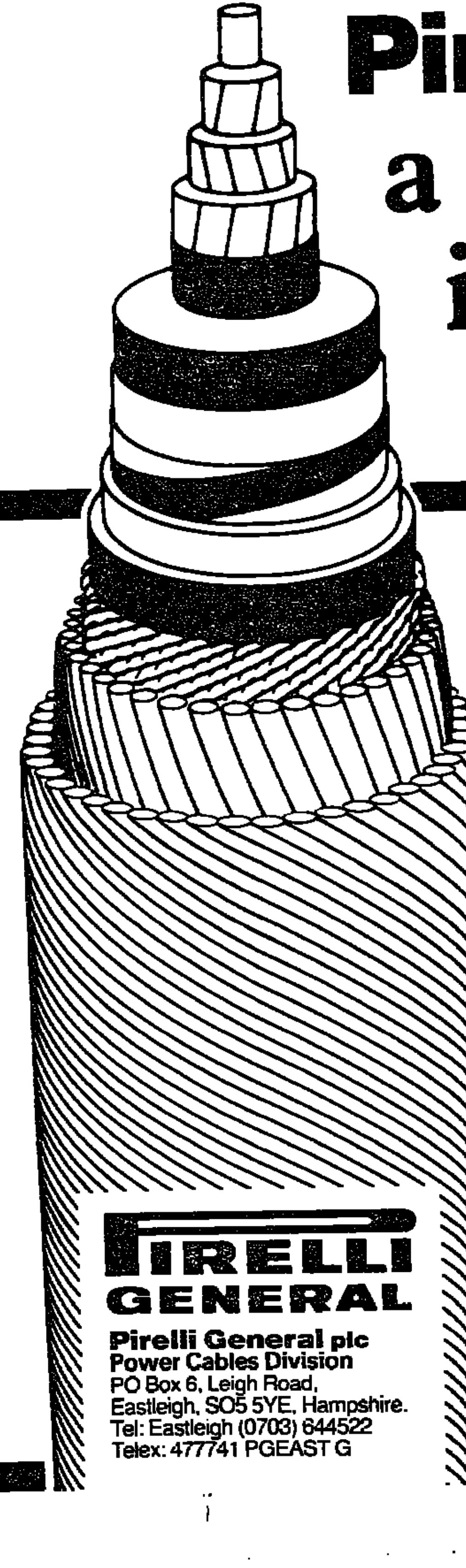

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House of Lords

Male worker not fatal to equal pay claim

Pickstone and Others v Freemans plc

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches June 30]

A woman who was doing work of equal value to that of a man doing a different *job* in the same establishment with whom she compared herself was not precluded by section 1(2)(c) of the Equal Pay Act 1970, as amended, from claiming parity of pay with the comparator, simply because there was another man doing the same job as herself.

The exclusionary words in section 1(2)(c) were intended to debar the woman from making such a claim only if the particular *man* with whom she sought comparison was employed on the same job as herself.

The House of Lords held dismissing an appeal by the employers, Freemans plc, from a decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce) (*The Times* March 26, 1987; [1987] 3 WLR 811) who had on March 25, 1987 allowed an appeal by the five female applicants from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal ([1986] ICR 886).

Section 1 of the 1970 Act, as amended by section 8 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and regulation 2 of the Equal Pay (Amendment) *Regulations (SI* 1983 No 1794), provides: "(2) An equality clause is a provision which relates to terms ... of a contract under which a woman is employed ... and has the effect that –

(a) where the woman is employed on like work with a man in the same employment ...

(b) where the woman is employed on work rated as equivalent with that of a man in the same employment ...

(c) where a woman is employed on work which, not being work in relation to which paragraph (a) or (b) above applies, is, in terms of the demands made on her ... of equal value to that of a man in the same employment–

(i) if ... any term of the woman's contract is or becomes less favourable to the woman than a term of a similar kind in the contract under which the man is employed, that term of the woman's contract shall be treated as so modified as not to be less favourable, and

(ii) if ... at any time the woman's contract does not include a term corresponding to a term benefiting that man included in the contract under which he is employed, the woman's contract shall be treated as including such a term."

Mr Christopher Carr, QC and Mr Patrick Elias for the employers; Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr David Pannick for the applicants.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the employers conducted a mail order business. The applicants were five women who were employed as warehouse operatives at a basic weekly wage of £77.66. Mr Phillips was a man employed as a checker warehouse operative at a basic weekly wage of £81.88.

The applicants asserted that the work carried out by them was equal in value to the work of Mr Phillips in terms of the demands, effort, skill and decision-making involved and that the disparity between their pay and that of Mr Phillips was due to the difference of sex; the applicants were *paid* less because they were women.

The applicants complained to the industrial tribunal that they were the victims of sex discrimination, contrary to the provisions of the Equal Pay Act 1970 and contrary to Community law.

The industrial tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal found for the employers. The Court of Appeal decided that under Community law the applicants had an enforceable right to equal pay with Mr Phillips for work of equal value. The employers appealed to their Lordships' House.

Section 1(2)(c) was introduced into the 1970 Act by the Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations 1983 in compliance with the ruling of the European Court of Justice in *Commission of the European Communities v United Kingdom* (Case No 61/91) (*The Times* July 17, 1982; [1982] ICR 578) that the United Kingdom had not adopted the measures necessary to comply with the Equal Pay Directive. (75/117/EEC). It enabled a woman to claim equal pay for work of equal value where the employer refused to *consent to a job evaluation* study.

The 1983 Regulations also introduced into the 1970 Act directions for dealing with claims under section 1(2)(c). Thus by section 2A the issue of "*work of equal value*" was determined by the industrial tribunal if there were no reasonable grounds for, complaint, or by a job evaluation study if the study was not itself discriminatory and, finally, and only if necessary, *by the tribunal with* the assistance if a report of an independent expert appointed by Acas.

According to the employers in the present appeal, the 1983 Regulations had the effect of depriving *some women of the* right to pursue their claims by judicial process or otherwise although they considered themselves wronged by failure to apply the principle of equal pay.

The applicants might have a valid complaint in that they were not receiving equal pay with Mr Phillips for work of equal value. But if the applicants sought to remedy that discrimination under section 1(2)(c) they would be debarred because they were employed on "*work to which paragraph (a) or* (b) above applies".

It was said that paragraph (a) operated, not because the applicants were employed on like work with Mr Phillips but because the applicants were employed on like work with some other man.

Since paragraph (c) was expressed to apply only when a woman was employed on work which was not "work in relation to which paragraph (a) or (b) above applies", it followed, so it *was said, that where a woman* was employed on like work with any man or where a woman was employed on work rated as equivalent with any man, no claim could be made under paragraph (c) in respect of some *other man who was engaged on* work of equal value.

In his Lordship's opinion paragraphs (a) or (b) only debarred a claim under paragraph (c) where paragraphs (a) or (b) applied to the man who was the *subject* of the complaint made by the woman.

If the tribunal decided that the applicants were engaged "on like work" with Mr Phillips then paragraph (a) applied and the applicants were not entitled to proceed under paragraph (c) and to obtain the report of an Acas expert.

If there was a job evaluation study which covered the work of Mr Phillips then the applicants were debarred from proceeding *under paragraph (c) unless the* job evaluation study itself was discriminatory.

The words in paragraph (c) on which the employers relied were not intended to create a new form of permitted discrimination. *Paragraph (c) enabled* a claim to equal pay as against a specified man to be made without injustice to an employer. When a woman claimed equal pay for work of equal value, she specified the man with whom she claimed parity.

If the work of the woman was work in relation to which paragraphs (a) or (b) applied in relation to that man, than the woman could not proceed under paragraph (c) and could not obtain a report from an Acas expert.

In his Lordship's opinion there must be implied in paragraph (c) after the word "applies" the words "as between the woman and the man with whom she claims equality".

That construction was consistent with Community law. The employers' construction was inconsistent with Community law and created a permitted form of discrimination without rhyme or reason.

Under Community law, a *woman was entitled to equal* pay for work of equal value to that of a man in the same employment. That right was not dependent on there being no man who was employed on the same work as the woman.

Under British law, namely the Equal Pay Act 1970, as amended in 1975, a woman was entitled to equal pay for work rated as equivalent with that of a man in the same employment. That right was not dependent on *there being no man who em*ployed on the same work as the woman.

Under the ruling of the European Court of Justice in *Commission v UK* the Equal Pay Act, as amended in 1975, was held to be defective because the Act did not entitle every woman to claim before a competent authority that her work had the same value as other work, but only allowed a claim by a woman who succeeded in persuading her employer to consent to a job evaluation scheme.

The 1983 Regulations were intended to give full effect to Community law and to the ruling of the European Court of Justice which directed the United Kingdom Government to introduce legislation entitling any woman to equal pay with any man for work of equal value if the difference in pay was due to the difference in sex and was *therefore discriminatory*.

His Lordship was of the opinion that the 1983 Regulations, upon their true construction, achieved the required result of affording a remedy to any woman who was not in *receipt of equal pay for work* equal in value to the work of a man in the same employment.

Lord Keith and Lord Oliver delivered concurring judgments and Lord Brandon and Lord Jauncey agreed.

Solicitors: Slaughter & May; Sharpe Pritchard & Co for W. Douglas Clark, Brookes & Co, West Bromwich.

Court of Appeal

Employee cannot be singled out for redundancy payment net of income tax

Gothard v Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment June 30]

Where an employee accepted early retirement on terms that he would receive a payment of wages for a period in lieu of notice, and other employees received similar payments free of deduction of income tax, the natural meaning of the offer was that the payment in lieu would be calculated on a gross basis.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the employers, Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd, from a decision of Mrs Assistant Recorder Brenda Hoggett, sitting at Clerkenwell County Court, who, on November 25, 1987, had given judgment in favour of the plaintiff, Frank Richard Gothard, on a claim for £3,109.33 due under an agreement for voluntary redundancy. Mr Gothard had worked for the company for 30 years and was head of the pensions department.

Mr Patrick Elias for Mirror Group; Mr Gothard in person.

The MASTER OF THE *ROLLS* said that in November 1985 Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, had come to the conclusion that Mirror Group Newspapers were overmanned and had prescribed drastic remedies. Either the workforce would be reduced by 2,000 before the end of the year or MGN would perish.

His prescription had contemplated that the slimming target would in the main be achieved by voluntary early retirements. In a circular letter dated November 12, 1985 he had explained his policy and given examples of the financial arrangements available, which he had described, possibly correctly, as being "generous and fair".

By a letter dated November 28, Mr Gothard had been offered a choice of three different pensions and a "tax free lump sum payment". The letter had added "Your period of notice is 6 months (and 7 weeks). A payment in lieu will be made for any unworked notice at the date of termination." The parenthetical addition had been made in manuscript.

The dispute between the parties concerned that payment in lieu. What Mr Gothard had been paid was a sum equal to half his gross annual salary, based on a six months' period of notice rather than six months plus seven weeks. Mr Gothard contended that what he had been offered and had accepted was a lump sum calculated by reference to the longer period.

Failing satisfaction of his claim, Mr Gothard had started proceedings in the county court for £3,109.33, being the difference between what he had been paid and that to which he was entitled, together with interest.

The action was heard on November 25, 1987, by Mrs Assistant Recorder Brenda Hoggett, who had found in favour of Mr Gothard. In concluding that Mr Gothard was entitled to a payment in lieu calculated by reference to six months and seven weeks, the judge had found as a fact that a variation of the offer reducing the period to six months had never come to Mr Gothard's attention before he had acepted the original offer. That finding was probably unappealable, and was now accepted.

Mr Gothard had produced before the Court of Appeal *Publisher's Bulletin No 11* from Mr Maxwell headed "Pension Benefits for Under-50s" dated November 22, 1985. That included the sentence: "These are substantial benefits. In addition, of course, there would be tax-free payments for unexpired notice and redundancy payments."

Mr Gothard was not in that group, but there was no suggestion that in that respect the over-50s were to be penalised, and the court had been told that the payment in lieu of all employees taking early retirement, including Mr Gothard, had been calculated by MGN on a gross basis.

The position on the opening of the appeal was that MGN had lost on their primary contention that the relevant period was six months. They could not overcome that obstacle, but sought instead to outflank Mr Gothard by alleging that they had a legal entitlement to reduce his payment in lieu by reference to net, rather than gross pay, notwithstanding that they were content to pay all other early retirers on the basis of gross pay.

While MGN had not sought to take that to its logical conclusion and, alleging that they had overpaid Mr Gothard, mount a counterclaim for the excess, theirs was an unattractive argument which rode uneasily with Mr Maxwell's assertion that the terms offered were "generous and fair".

Generosity might be thought by some to include accepting the judge's decision. Fairness surely included giving the same interpretation to payment in lieu in the case of all employees.

It was not a case in which an employer wrongfully dismissed an employee without the appropriate notice and paid money in lieu of notice. There was no question of notice or wrongful dismissal.

Mr Gothard, and other employees, *had offered to take* early retirement and so to terminate their contracts of employment on December 31, 1985. There had therefore been a consensual severance of the employer-employee relationship. The court was left to decide what had been meant by MGN's offer.

In the context of an offer made against the matrix that the under-50s were being offered "Tax free payments for [both] unexpired notice and redundancy payments", his Lordship could not disagree with the judge's conclusion that the natural meaning of the offer was that the payment in lieu would be calculated on a gross basis.

The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Staughton agreed.

Solicitors: Nicholson Graham & Jones.

Term limiting tenders for water company stock is lawful

Morgan Grenfell Group plc and Another v Mid Kent Water Co

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment June 29]

Conditions limiting the amount of stock for which any individual could tender were not contrary to section 75(3) of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1945, although they might reduce the price which the stock might realize, nor did they give rise to a preference contrary to subsection (2)(*d*).

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Morgan Grenfell Group plc and Morgan Grenfell & Co Ltd, from Mr Justice Peter Gibson who on June 28, 1988 had given judgment for the defendants, Mid Kent Water Co, in an action brought by the plaintiffs for (i) a declaration that the proposed issue by means of an offer for sale by tender of 6 per cent ordinary stock in Mid Kent Water Co on the conditions set out in clause 3 of Part IV of the listing particulars and tender form issued on behalf of the defendants and dated June 20, 1988 was *ultra vires* and void, and (ii) an injunction restraining the defendants from issuing any stock on the terms of clause 3.

Condition 3 of the conditions of tender provides: "The maximum amount of the stock for which any tenders from any person will be accepted is the lesser of: (i) the amount of the stock which would confer on the holder the right to exercise 15 per cent of the voting rights exerciseable at any general meeting of the company ...; and (ii) the amount of the stock which, when taken together with the existing voting capital stock in the company held by the tenderer ... will confer on the tenderer ... the right to exercise 29.9 per cent of the voting rights exercisable at any general meeting of the company ... or, in the case of a person who on the date of the allotment holds 30 per cent or more of the voting rights ... the amount of the stock which would increase that holding by up to 2 per cent."

Section 75 of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1945 (as amended by the Mid Kent Water Order (SI 1960 No 1013)) provides: "(2) All shares or stock issued by the undertakers shall be offered for sale by public auction or tender in such a manner ... and subject to such conditions of sale as the undertakers shall from time to time determine: provided that (*a*) notice of the intended sale shall be given to the local authority ...; (*b*) a reserve price shall be fixed ...; (*d*) in the case of a sale by tender, no preference shall be given to one of two or more persons tendering the same sum ...".

"(3) Any shares or stock which has been offered for sale in accordance with the last foregoing subsection and is not sold may be disposed of at such a price and in such a manner as the undertakers may determine for the purpose of realizing the best price obtainable."

Mr David Oliver, QC, and Mr Michael Supperstone for Morgan Grenfell; Mr William Stubbs, QC, and Mr Leslie Kosmin for Mid Kent Water.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintifss were the owners of £5 million 8¾ per cent Preference Stock in the defendants and entitled to exercise a little *over 50 per cent of* the voting rights at a general meeting.

On June 20, 1988, listing particulars and a tender form had been issued on behalf of the defendants in connection with an offer for sale of stock which would raise £19m. When added to the existing share capital the total would not exceed £50m.

The particulars stated that the provisions of condition 3(i) and (ii) were imposed to provide the stockholders with some protection against possible changes of voting control arising from applications under the tender which was equivalent to the protection which would be provided in respect of acquisitions of stock made in market by reason of the *Rules Governing Substantial Acquisitions of Shares and the City Code on Take-overs and Mergers.*

The directors believed that it was in the best interests of the *company to impose such safe*guards. The maximum amount of the stock to be issued would represent 63 per cent of the stock of the enlarged company.

That situation was unattractive to the plaintiffs because they could, under *the terms* of the offer, only tender subject to the limitations of condition 3, and consequently faced possible dilution of their holding.

The plaintiffs asssserted that condition 3 was likely to lead to lower tenders and therefore prevent the obtaining by the company of the best price for the stock which was on offer.

The court was concerned only with the question of statutory construction, whether the provisions of condition 3 ran counter to the provisions of section 75 of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1945.

Mr Oliver said that there was a clear obligation on the directors not to impose conditions which would do other than obtain the best price for the stock.

There were, it was said, other pointers: the sale was to be by public auction or tender; in the case of an auction a bid (other than a first bid) would not be recognized unless it was in advance of the preceding bid; and unsold stock was to be disposed of in such manner as the undertakers might determine for the purpose of realizing the best price obtainable.

Those matters were certainly aids to obtaining the best price, but they could not be regarded as the dominant considerations in obtaining the best price. The words of section 75 were wide words and conferred a wide discretion on the undertakers, particularly with regard to imposing conditions.

On the other hand, there was nothing until subsection (3) imposing any obligation as to price at all. Nor was that surprising. Parliament had been dealing with sale at public auction at a reserve after advertisement. That was machinery by which the best price would normally be obtained.

Parliament had expressly conferred on undertakers a wide power to impose conditions, and there was no ground for limiting the power to the insertion of conditions which did not affect price. Many reasonable *conditions would affect the* price.

Further, it would be surprising, as the judge had said below, if although the undertakers had valid reasons, in the interests of their company (other than *financial* ones), for imposing conditions such as would enable them to refuse certain tenders, they would be obliged not to impose those conditions if they could lead to less than the best price obtainable.

Subsection (3) was dealing with a completely different case from subsection (2). Subsection (3) covered the situation where the offer had failed and the undertakers were dealing with it at the best price they could get.

Condition 3 was not directed at one or more persons tendering at the same price. What it did was to limit the size of the allotment. To use the word "preference" in that situation to was inapt.

More important was the point made by the judge when he had said that the proviso was only dealing with valid and effectual tenders, and that was merely another way of reintroducing *the question whether it was* permissible to impose conditions such as those in condition 3.

Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Mann delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Freshfields; Beachcroft Stanleys.

Showmen who travel in group are excluded from Caravan Sites Act protection in winter quarters

Hammond and Another v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Smith and Another v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Neill and Sir Roger Ormrod

[Judgment June 23]

Travelling showmen who travelled as members of an organized group "travelling together as such" in the summer months so as to be excluded from the definition of gipsies in section 16 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 did not come within the definition during the winter months when they ceased travelling and stayed in winter quarters.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals which had been heard together, brought by Monty Hammond and Elizabeth Hammond and by Linda Smith and Eileen Wilson from Mr Justice Nolan and Mr David Widdicombe, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, who had dismissed their respective appeals against enforcement notices issued by Tandridge District Council and Runnymede Borough Council and upheld by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

Section 16 provides: "... 'gipsies' means persons of nomadic habit of life, whatever their race or origin, but does not include members of an organized group of travelling showmen ... travelling together as such; ...".

Mr Anthony Speaight for the appellants; Mr Duncan Ouseley for the secretary of state; Mr Brian Ash for Runnymede; Tandridge was not present or represented.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that the appellants were all travelling showmen who had acquired sites in the Surrey green belt which they used for their caravans during the winter.

Section 16 was in question because if the appellants were gipsies within the definition, they would escape the rigours of the Surrey structure plan. It was accepted that when they were travelling from fair to fair they were excluded from the definition of "gipsies" in section *16*. However they contended that during the winter months when they stayed in winter quarters they were within the definition.

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Ouseley had rightly submitted *that there* was no time factor in the definition. The question was whether they were persons of nomadic habit of life and that they took themselves out of the class where they were travelling showmen who were "members *of an organized group* ... travelling together as such".

Obviously, Parliament had not intended to excluded travelling showmen *per se* from the class, so that they had to be members of an organized group. *As Mr Ouseley* had said, that might cover purposes quite other than travelling together, and so the words "travelling together as such" were included, thus limiting the number of people excluded from the class.

The definition had therefore a qualitative not a temporal element and accordingly the appeals would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Neill and Sir Roger Ormrod agreed.

Solicitors: E. D. C. Lord & Co, *Hayes; Treasury Solicitor*; Mr A. M. Pearson, Addlestone.

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Rover Vitesse: a match for many coupés and sports cars

The Rover Vitesse should have been named Rapide at birth, but Aston Martin Lagonda had the rights to the alluring title and would not part company with it. A loss perhaps, but the Vitesse name was quickly hauled from the six-cylinder Triumph Herald of yesteryear and it served the sporty V8-powered Rover model well enough.

Even its creators seemed surprised they had produced a viable alternative to the more powerful BMWs and Mercedes, yet the Rover matched lusty performance and macho-looks to a troublesome character.

The new Vitesse, launched in May, is altogether a slicker machine than its predecessor.

The garb of sports model — spoilers under the front bumper, a wing on the rump and wider alloy wheels — is restrained. It indicates that under the bonnet and driving the front wheels is the same 2.7 litre Honda V6 that has 177 bhp to power the other Rover 827 models. Extra performance would seem a prerequisite for a go-faster version, however, the Vitesse is notably swift.

The bigger-engined BMW 530i may add 1 mph to the Rover's 140 mph top speed but the Vitesse accelerates faster. On the road it is a revelation and the lively performance is a match for many coupés and sports cars.

As the miles pile up you become aware that the driving position is near perfect. The stylish, airy cabin embellished with wood, make this Rover pleasurable. Yet the enthusiastic driver will look to the firmer suspension for evidence that the Vitesse badge is justified. Here the car's true prowess is revealed.

The mechanically similar Rover 827 must be treated with a certain respect when cornering hard as the weight of the V6 engine will ultimately push the nose off line. The Vitesse's revised suspension has brought with it significant improvement, producing such secure, neutral handling it is often hard to discern which wheels are being driven.

Few executive cars have such cornering grip. Lower profile tyres have made the steering much sharper and consistent. That is achieved by making the suspension less taut than some rivals, with the disadvantage that on twisting roads body roll seems excessive while the dampers need to be firmer to give better control on undulating roads. Ride is slightly disappointing around town, but becomes comfortable at speed.

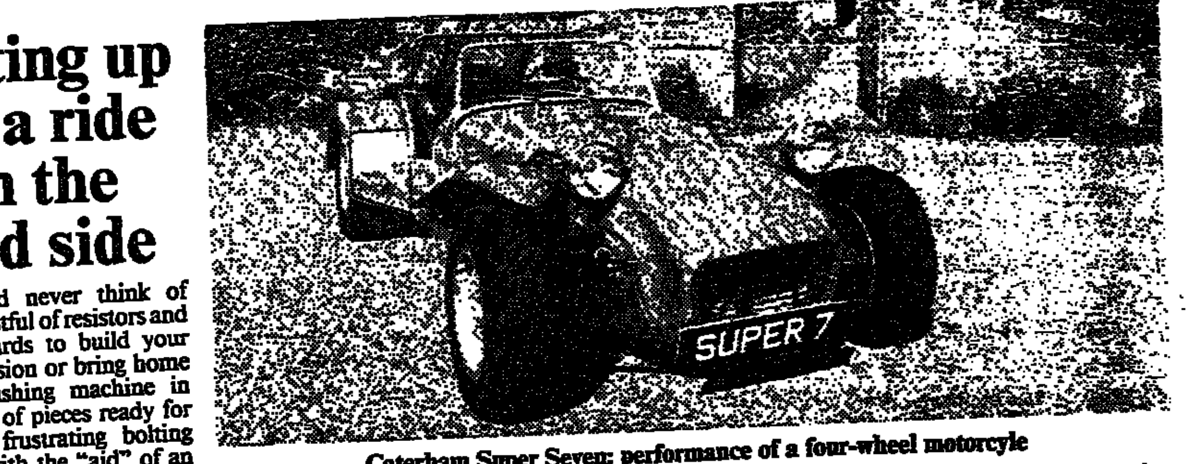
Rover's research found that to look sporty the Vitesse needed five doors, but Audi, BMW believe that saloon cars with a boot are more prestigious and can still be made racy.

The Rover Fastback fails to improve on the modern elegance of the 800 saloon or recapture the appeal of the old SD1 Rover hatchback. A luxury Rover estate car could have made a more interesting proposition for executives faced with little choice beyond a Volvo.

The Rover costs £19,994, a realistic price which includes most important features like electric sunroof, anti-lock brakes and alloy wheels.

A similar sum would buy the slower and more compact Audi 90 quattro but another £1,000 would be needed to match the Rover's specification while an equivalent BMW 530iSE would cost almost £24,000 without a radio.

Bolting up for a ride on the wild side



Caterham Super Seven: performance of a four-wheel motorcyle

You would never think of buying a fistful of resistors and circuit boards to build your own television or bring home a new washing machine in thousands of pieces ready for hours of frustrating bolting together with the "aid" of an instruction book written by a technician with no understanding of the common man.

Yet if you were overcome with the desire to assemble your own car then the Caterham Super Seven offers the required challenge with the prize of amazing acceleration and handling for about the price of a Ford Sierra. The first Seven was a Lotus, designed in 1957 when the heritage of a racing-style tubular chassis and rivetted aluminium body panels began. It can still be bought with an unpainted metal body.

The Lotus Seven's claim to fame came in 1965 when Patrick McGoohan drove one in the opening sequence to "The Prisoner" television series. Like the series, demand for the Seven, now made by Caterham Cars in Dartford, Kent, has only built up strongly in the past few years.

This year three hundred owners will spend up to 100 hours building their Caterhams and 200 more will buy them almost complete. Four years ago the number was 80.

Colin Chapman, Lotus' founder and design genius, said the Seven was like a motorcycle with four wheels and no-one has bettered the description. As you climb over the side — there are no doors — and slide down behind the tiny steering wheel it is almost a surprise to find a handbrake and decent heater in this skin-and-bones car. With the hood in position, entry for taller drivers resembles an outdoor lesson in yoga.

This struggle immediately pales into insignificance as the 1.7 litre tuned Ford engine coughs noisily into life and provides the blaring, thump-in-the-back performance of a Porsche. The driver feels the excitment of piloting an agile racing car.

The ride used to be terrible, but now it is not so bad. The quality of the Caterham's workmanship is impressive. The cheapest kit without an engine is less than £5,000 and the ultimate Seven almost entirely built at the factory could cost more than double that.

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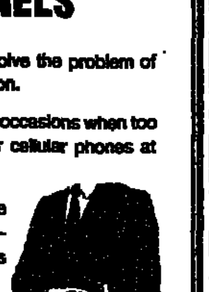

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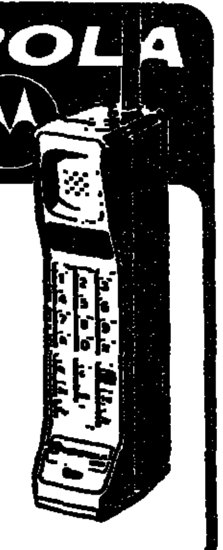

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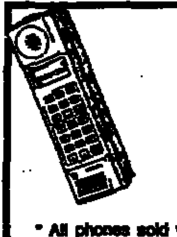

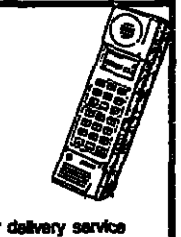

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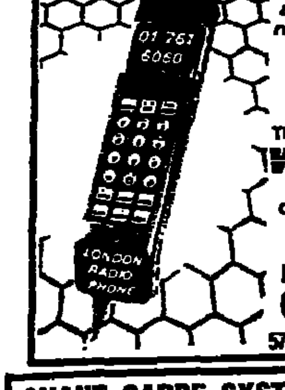

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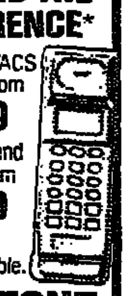

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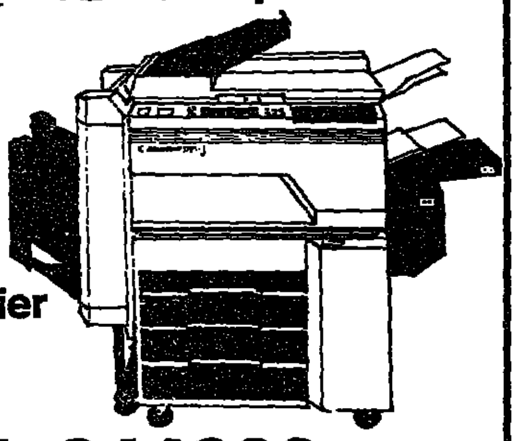

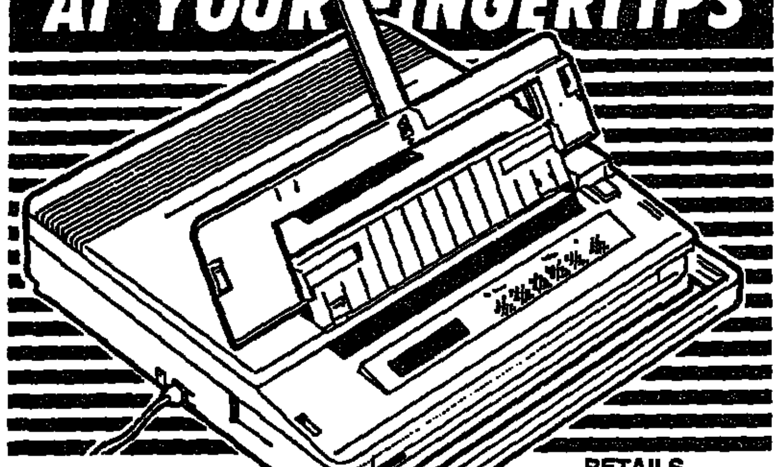

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Harvesting an extra income

By Sally Watts.

As agriculture becomes an increasingly tougher business, farmers are turning to other ways of supplementing their incomes. One is to cater for business travellers, pulled in by advertisements in business journals or contact with local industries. But catering for holidaymakers is the mainstay.

Between 12,000 and 15,000 farms provide for overnight visitors, ranging from up-market cuisine and *en suite* facilities to sites for hire and bed-and-breakfast accommodation. Some adapt redundant buildings for self-catering.

Tim Horsfield, a NFU business adviser, urges farm families not to move into catering haphazardly. "Research the market and find something different that meets a need or provides for a certain category of people, then promote it in the right place," he says.

The NFU helps farmers to get on the right track, but advises: "The idea should be your own; then you will be committed to it."

In some areas, farms band together to attract tourism. The Peak and Moorlands Farm Holiday Group specializes in high-standard cooking (wild boar and gourmet weekends are features) and also do self-catering. Some of the 38 members are taking a Training Commission-funded costing and management course. Herefordshire Hamper has just started up with member farms offering local produce and traditional county dishes. Farmers' wives have brushed up their technique at Hereford Technical College.

The Six Faces of Shropshire comprises half a dozen farms near Shrewsbury, each with a different speciality, including Jim and Betty Grundey's catering. They converted their 90ft barn into three-star accommodation with *en suite* amenities, and also offer a country life programme, farm trail and children's parties.

These groups are backed by the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, which produces booklets to help farmers diversify into hospitality.

"We encourage them to band together, which stimulates ideas, development, training and high standards," says Roy Dart, of ADAS's West Midlands region. "Hospitality is the strength of the farmhouse, and provides money and jobs in areas of high unemployment."

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Pain-killers: Rita and Michael Adler

Putting his back into a profitable new business

By Peta Levi

Chester-care, a mail-order company which helps disabled people lead more comfortable lives, is the result of its joint-owner, Michael Adler, having hurt his back. A travelling businessman, he wanted a compact folding bedboard to fit into a suitcase, so that soft hotel beds would not be a problem. Eventually, he found one in America which he imports; it weighs 5lb and costs £27.

The difficulties he encountered in finding well-designed equipment to make his life tolerable led him to start Chester-care in 1980. For four years he and his wife, Rita, a heating and ventilating engineer, ran the business from home, but later leased a shop in England's Lane, north London, and will soon need larger premises.

Since 1984 they have taken on seven staff, three part-time, and the turnover has risen to £356,801 last year; they expect a 25 per cent increase this year.

For many years Mr Adler managed a family fashion business, but the West End property was more valuable than the business, so he liquidated the company and sold the property. This provided the £30,000 capital to set up and expand Chester-care, which has a mailing list of more than 50,000 names.

It sells 150 products, ranging from bottle-openers and corsets, to wheelchairs, giant-face playing cards, back-cushions, magnifiers and battery-operated electric socks, to some of their best sellers — high loos and folding walking sticks (250 a week).

To stock their two warehouses at Bristol and Watford the Adlers travel widely. In Venice they found an easy-to-read thermometer and in Paris a plastic container for washing hair in bed. But Mr Adler says: "We have found it difficult to get British manufacturers to make products to our specification."

He adds: "Everyone is disabled to an extent; the public need educating on how to avoid unnecessary discomfort".

Chester-care has been surprised by the demand; it receives 120 enquiries each week for its 20-page catalogue.

As they expand a major problem is training good quality staff and paying today's high wages. Mrs Adler says: "We work on small margins, but there is scope for growth. Although we are unlikely to make a fortune, it is rewarding work."

BRIEFING

■ A project to help small firms market effectively overseas is to be launched by the London Enterprise Agency with sponsorship from Lloyds Bank and the Department of Trade and Industry.

It will provide a subsidised six-month package of group training, syndicate work and individual counselling designed to help devise and execute an export marketing plan. The programme has been launched because of the growing interest in exporting created by the approaching Single Market in 1992.

It starts on October 1 with two consecutive Saturdays of training covering export marketing. These sessions will be followed by six months of individual counselling with an experienced export counsellor.

● Details from the London Enterprise Agency, 4 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2BS (01-236 3000).

MR FRIDAY

"Just when think you're keeping your head above water, you're hit by a tidal wave!"

London rates hit relocation

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The London Borough of Brent is the most expensive area for rates on warehouse property in Britain, says the latest survey by King & Co of 40 centres throughout the country. Four more London boroughs follow: Hackney, which was the most expensive for the previous three years; Newham, Camden and Southwark.

The survey, which appears as a report by Black Horse Relocation, says that London is the loser as a relocation destination because it is too expensive.

King & Co measured the actual rate payable on a typical warehouse property, taking into account the rateable value and rate poundage of the property. It found that an occupier in Brent would be paying £2.71 a sq ft rates on a warehouse, compared with an occupier in Lincoln, at the bottom of the table, who would be paying £0.87p per sq ft, even though that shows a 14 per cent increase on the previous year's figure.

For the first time in four years, a non-London borough moves into the top 10 expensive authorities. Harlow, Essex, moves from 13th to ninth as a result of a 14 per cent increase to £1.80 per sq ft. Glasgow is the only authority among the 40 to reduce its rate burden without central government intervention. The report shows that the south of England, outside London, is where most of the London-based companies go, while the North remains stable, gaining some from the South, but losing others to London.

More than three-quarters of corporate relocations in 1987 originated in the South; 55 per cent were companies leaving London. Only five per cent were into London — all from the North.

Companies relocating out of London cited cost savings as the reason twice as often as expansion, modernization or reorganization. They looked for a new site near to, but cheaper, than their London site, or somewhere near any of their other offices.

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DRUGS IN SPORT

Beckett says testing for hormone is impossible

From John Goodbody, Ottawa

Professor Arnold Beckett yesterday said that there was not a "cat in hell's chance of determining the misuse of Human Growth Hormone", the drug that is widely believed to be used by sportsmen as a substitute for anabolic steroids.

Professor Beckett, a member of the Medical Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF), also told *The Times* that he had been informed that some members of the British team had used HGH before the world athletics championships in Helsinki in 1983, when he was supervising the drug-testing procedure. "I was even told from what source they were getting this drug," he said.

HGH, which comes from human cadavers, has been used for the last 25 years to treat children with growth hormone deficiency, but is available on the black market in both Britain and the United States. Last year, a supply worth about £50,000 disappeared from the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London.

Professor Beckett explained that, as the testing for hormone drugs was able to identify substances which had been used by an athlete up to several weeks before an event, the individual could switch to HGH to maintain physical condition before a competition and probably evade detection. Professor Beckett, who set up the British drug-testing centre at Chelsea College, now part of King's College, London University, said: "Let us be blunt. We have to be honest if we have got problems."

In the build-up to the Seoul Olympics, he identified several other areas of concern. He said there was no reliable test "now or in the foreseeable future" for blood-doping, or blood-packing. This is the method by which competitors have a pint of their own blood drawn and refrigerated. The competitor then makes up the deficiency through training, and just before the event, the stored blood is injected back into the competitor's body.

Several sportsmen, such as a Finnish long-distance runner and the American cycling team at the 1984 Olympic Games, have admitted carrying out this practice, and it is also believed to be widespread in cross-country skiing.

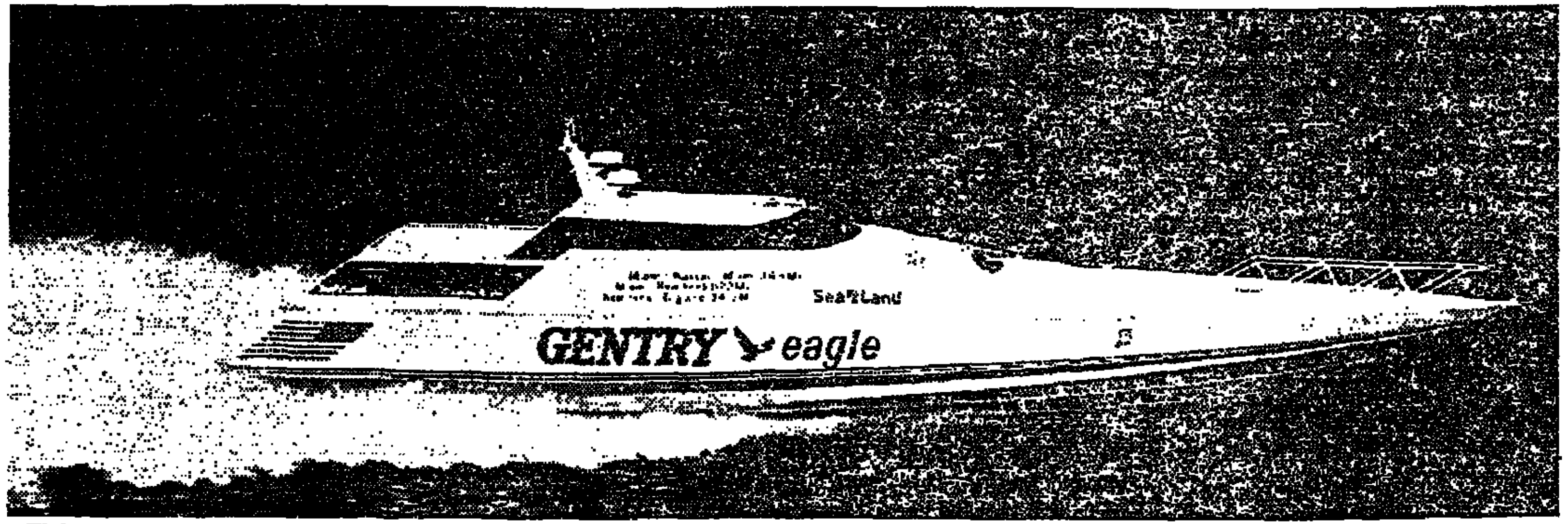
Professor Beckett *said* it might be possible to carry out analysis for blood-doping, but it would need a battery of tests and would be "horrendously expensive".

But, he pointed out, blood-doping could become superfluous because competitors could use Erythropoetin, a material which produces red blood cells and will soon become commercially available. This would clearly be of assistance to all sports requiring great stamina. "There are some serious problems emerging," he *said*.

He stressed that the IOC-accredited laboratories were doing a superb job of analysis within the constraints of what they are able to test for. He advocated international legislation to force manufacturers *of HGH and* Erythropoetin to use "markers", additives that would not alter the chemical properties of a *drug but would make it identifiable* in testing. It is revolutionary in concept but not impossible, he said.

Professor Beckett said that he would have become depressed by the range of problems if it were not for the new spirit of international co-operation manifested at the first world conference against drugs in sport. "That is a very big plus," he said.

Multi-million pound challengers race to capture transatlantic blue riband



Flying Eagle: The American-owned and funded, but British-built, Gentry Eagle undergoing sea trials in the Atlantic off New York earlier this month

Gentry ready to wing across ocean

Two multi-million pound assaults on the transatlantic record are about to begin. *The Times* revealed last Friday details of the Azimut Atlantic Challenger, an 88-foot, high-tensile aluminium monohull, powered by twin hydrojets, that is the flagship of a £5 million Italian challenge.

The Azimut Challenger, built in the Azimut-Benetti yard at Viareggio on Italy's *Ligurian* coast, arrived in Marbella on Wednesday after the first leg of her passage to New York. There, her British navigator, Dag Pike, will *study his five-day advance weather* reports from the Meteorological Office at Bracknell, Berkshire, before announcing a start date for the assault on Richard Branson's record of three days, eight hours and 31 minutes set in 1986 in Virgin Atlantic Challenger II.

Azimut Challenger is expected in New York by next Monday, but already waiting there to attempt the run between Ambrose Light and Bishop Rock — 3,386 miles with danger from whales, icebergs and *semi-submerged objects — is the* American millionaire, Tom Gentry, and his Gentry Eagle.

Gentry, aged 57, from Honolulu, is the holder of the world offshore powerboat speed record, having *achieved 148.238 m.p.h. in March* 1987. Britain will have more than a passing interest in Gentry's challenge, for his 110-foot Eagle was built by Vosper Thornycroft at Portsmouth, where a command centre has been set up to monitor her progress when she attempts to break the record, possibly at the beginning of next week. It is not *beyond the bounds of chance that the* two boats will pass in mid-Atlantic.

Also made from aluminium, the Eagle will be powered by twin MTUV 396 TB94s, sequentially turbocharged marine diesels producing 3,480 h.p. each at 2,100 r.p.m. and also linked to water-jets. She also has a single Avco Lycoming 4,500 hp marine turbine connected to a fixed Arneson surface drive, which can be *lifted from the water when not in use* and will not be employed full-time during the crossing.

Gentry has sunk $5.5 million (about *£3.2 million) of his own money into* the campaign, along with several "generous donations" from sponsors.

The Gentry Eagle's chief designer is a *Briton*, Peter Birkett, who also helped design Branson's first Challenger, which broke up and sank only 138 miles short of the finish.

Gentry: £3m investment

Not surprisingly, for their crews, both camps have drawn from British veterans of Branson's enterprises. Pike was also Branson's navigator, on both runs, while Gentry has secured the services of Branson's engineering designer, Peter Downie. He once worked for Graham Hill, Stirling Moss and Dan Gurney when he began his career with racing cars before switching to waterborne racecraft in 1969.

***Norman* Gentry, aged 32, Tom Gentry's son, will be Eagle's chief navigator, but the team has yet to announce its fare-paying passenger, a prerequisite of any attempt to win the blue riband and the Hales Trophy. Challenger will have Winthrop P. Rockefeller, the American millionaire, on board, reputedly paying a $1 million fare for the privilege.**

That condition provides the greatest contrast between the rival challenges. Branson was not awarded the blue riband because he refuelled on the way, and it is difficult to see how Gentry can claim anything but the record should he succeed, for he also proposes to refuel.

The Italians are leaving nothing to chance and are carrying 82 tons of *diesel fuel, twice the weight of Challenger*, to attempt the record non-stop. They believe they will satisfy all the conditions that stand between them and the blue riband, which is still held by the liner, United States, from her passage in 1952.

Steve Acteson

JUDO

Adams aims to seal Olympic place

By Nicolas Soames

The competition for places in the British Olympic team between the light-middleweights, Neil Adams and Paul Sheals, and the featherweights, Stephen Gawthorpe and Mark Adshead, *is expected to be settled at the* Austrian Open championships, near Linz this weekend.

In a sense it is a battle between the old guard and the new, with *the likelihood that the places at* Seoul will go to Adams and Gawthorpe, both of whom have won major tournaments this year. Adams, who has won silver medals in the last two Olympics, is less concerned with the selection battle than with winning the event outright. Last month he won a silver in a testing tournament in Sardinia, losing only on a penalty

"*I really lost that fight* because I was still slightly rusty with competition gripping," he admitted. "I have had to come to terms with the fact that I will *not always be able to get my* favourite grip and I have been working on a more flexible approach."

Sheals has an unenviable assigment but the gap between Gawthorpe, world bronze medal winner in 1985, and Adshead, aged 25, is closer, for Gawthorpe had a poor European championship, although he won the British Open. Mark Preston could also make a late bid for selection if he does well.

The other certainties for the British team — Kerrith Brown (lightweight), Densign White *(middleweight) and* Elvis Gordon (heavyweight) — are training in Japan. The light-heavyweight, Dennis Stewart, is being treated for a chipped bone.

GYMNASTICS

Cup's new opportunity

By Peter Aykroyd

The finals of the first European Cup begin in Florence today, a three-day event that is an innovation of the European Union of Gymnastics designed to increase the competitive opportunities outside the biennial European championships.

The 12 best gymnasts — men and women — from eight inter*national* qualifying events appear in the finals. Andrew Morris was the only Briton to participate in the Cup, but was unable to qualify.

These first finals do not feature many gymnasts from Europe's top echelon. However, leading the men's finalists is Gyorgy Gucsoghy, the experienced Hungarian who is ranked ninth in the world, but two young Soviets, Sergei Kharkov and Vladimir Schopochkin, could well surprise their seniors.

Two well known Bulgarians — Diana Dudeva and Boryana Stoyanova, both in the world's top 20 — top the women's section. They, too, will be under pressure from two young Soviets, Natalia Lashchonova and *Elena Shevchenko*.

MODERN PENTATHLON

New event keeps Britain to the fore

Men and women will compete alongside one another for the first time when Bisley, Bracknell and Windsor share the staging of the 13-nation Grant Thornton champion of champions event on July 10. The innovation, announced yesterday, celebrates the tenth anniversary of the champion of champions event, which sees all five disciplines staged on one day.

Keith Clark, president of the Modern *Pentathlon Association* of Great Britain, said: "We are delighted that Great Britain will once again be initiating a new modern pentathlon competition. We were the first country to hold a one-day champion of champions and we also led the world in the introduction of women into the sport. Now these two initiatives are brought to fruition with the first combined competition."

Britain will field two teams in the competition. The first team will be Graham Brookhouse and Wendy Norman. Brookhouse, from Cheltenham, is the British champion of champions who is taking a year off from teaching physical education to concentrate on Olympic training.

Dominic Mahony, a member of the bronze medal-winning team at the world championships, and Teresa Purton form Britain's second string. Another British competitor, Louise Ball, will team up with the Australian athlete, Alex Watson, in an extra team in recognition of the Australian bicentennial.

HOCKEY

Weekend of decision at Leicester

By Joyce Whitehead

The Great Britain women's party of 16 for the Olympic Games will be announced after two matches against Canada at Abbey Meadows, Leicester, tomorrow and Sunday. Three of the 19 players in the training squad will have to drop out.

The British coach, Denis Hay, has assessed all the players but knows the final choice will not be easy. Form at Leicester could be decisive in some cases.

Britain beat Canada in an international tournament in Germany two weeks ago, but since the Canadians arrived in Britain, on June 20, they have won six successive matches.

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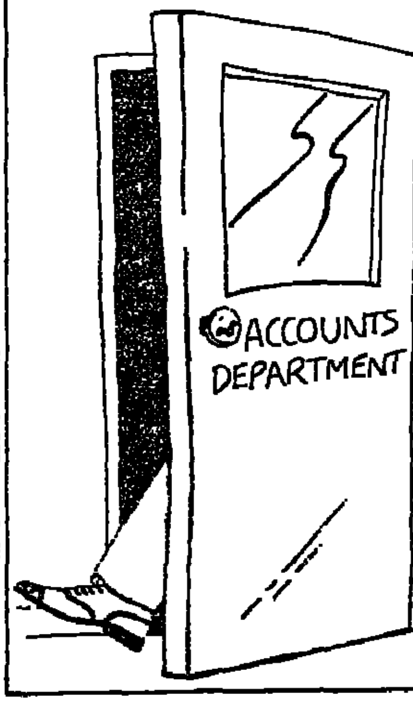

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Two exceptional British oarsmen tell **David Miller** of the hard work involved in challenging and beating the world's best

Pulling together in the pursuit of a golden double in Seoul

Henley being Henley, and unrepentantly conservative, there has been more public concern this week with the form of Mrs Astill's knees — the fashion-conscious lady from Hertfordshire overexposed her lower limbs and was politely but disconcertingly rebuffed by the members' enclosure stewards — than there has been with the fitness of Andy Holmes and Steve Redgrave.

Peter Coni, the Henley chairman, commendably says that standards of dress and behaviour must be maintained. Those who experience the degree to which Wimbledon has now become a garbaged, and in sunshine a near nudist camp, devoid of social graces, might agree; though Holmes and Redgrave, reflecting on the £36,000 which each women's singles losing semi-finalist yesterday received, could be excused for thinking that performers' standards are as important as those of spectators.

These two exceptional oarsmen, Britain's best hope for a gold medal in Seoul, devote more time and effort to the achievement of style than Mrs Astill and her indignant husband ever dreamed of; and probably on a smaller budget. For six weeks before the Olympic Games, they will be preparing with the British squad, eight to a bedroom, some two hours drive outside Seoul, without a thought of how they will pay for the next meal when it is all over.

They train three times a day, at 7 a.m., midday and 3 p.m., because it is necessary and because they enjoy it. Yet, the same as champion athletes, they spend the entire year feeling exhausted. "It's only when you have a break that you feel fit," Redgrave says. Holmes reflects: "Rowing is all I've ever wanted to do." He has a degree in French, and is unsure how he might use it.

Sponsored by Leyland Daf and assisted by the Sports Aid Foundation, they first came together in the gold medal-winning coxed four in Los Angeles; then started as a pair in 1986, winning the coxed pairs in the world championships and coxless event in the Commonwealth Games that year, and winning respective gold and silver in last year's world championship coxless and coxed pairs. They will attempt both in Seoul.

They have suffered this past winter from slight overtraining, with minor injuries and illnesses. "We really stacked it in," Redgrave says. "It's difficult to know when to pull back, but the balance is now good and we've just had an excellent four or five weeks."

Holmes, however, has been bothered by a rib strain this week. "Every year you have to do more work than a year before (to maintain your place), and that's why a lot give up before they're 30," Redgrave says. He is 26, Holmes is 28. It all depends, he says, on your mental strategy. Holmes thinks they might carry on till 1992, depending on the result in Seoul.

Holmes's wife, Pam, a former county sprinter as a teenager, is an art therapist in rehabilitation, and has never known her husband other than as a rower. "A pretty weird regime," he admits. Redgrave is married to Ann, a doctor and a member of the national women's eight. They hope one day, maybe, to open a sports medicine unit.

Neither Holmes nor Redgrave resents being in a non-commercial sport, though they wish there were better still-water facilities and weather. Based at Marlow, they prefer not to talk about the controversial national rowing centre at Nottingham. In the sluicing winter rain and frosts on the Thames they daydream of having a house in Banyoles, alongside the course which Barcelona will use in 1992.

They are managed and coached by Mike Spracklen, and each says that policy or problems are resolved by discussion, without any emotional stress; though on brief acquaintance they seem as different as Ridgway and Blyth, with Holmes the thinker and Redgrave the more extrovert.

"The key is to arrive at the summer, after the winter slog, still with a fighting spirit," Redgrave says. "If you work too hard, you may improve your endurance, but will be mentally dull. If you do less work, as I learned in sculling, it can be physically tougher on the water, but the willpower remains greater." There are few sports, other than cross country skiing, demanding greater willpower.

Productive partnership: Steve Redgrave (left) and Andy Holmes (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

FOOTBALL: FIFA BOOSTS LARGEST UNTAPPED MARKET AND TAKES FIRM DISCIPLINARY ACTION

European defeats expose lack of guile and subtlety

DAVID PLEAT, the manager of Leicester City and former manager of Luton Town and Tottenham Hotspur, looks at English football in the aftermath of the European championship

The cries of "rubbish" and "resignation" still rumbling around the media in the wake of another disappointment by the England football team should alert everyone to the main issues. They are not really about sweepers, fast-breaking midfield players, long balls or zonal defence — it is more that technically we have been exposed again, and no tactics can hide player deficiencies.

We all know that England's top club sides bore examination — until the UEFA ban — against their counterparts in Europe: our club game is based on sound team organization, with speed and strength our major weapons. However, our League system has produced a style of play that cannot respond and embrace the guile and subtlety to encourage and counter the highest skills at national level. That is why we came home from the European championship with three defeats in three matches.

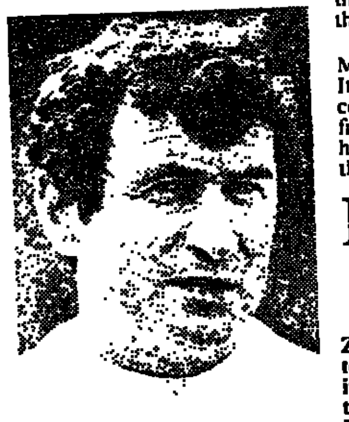
Technical excellence involves many hours of dedicated practice. In The Netherlands, individuality and tactical awareness is born out of a system that encourages gradual progression through to the senior club sides — the Van Bastens and Gullits developed from juniors in the academic nurseries of Haarlem, Groningen and Enschede, and their skill was nurtured further in the re-emerging club sides from Ajax and PSV competing in Europe. For Netherlands, you can also read West Germany, Spain or Italy.

In England the most coaching that any boy can receive, once committed as an associated schoolboy to a senior club, is one hour per week. Nowadays there is little or no coaching in schools, and the talented athlete or swimmer would consider laughable such limited opportunity in the pursuit of excellence in his sport.

Higher up the ladder, our selfish clubs may ponder about an arrangement that is cash-conscious but provides an average diet. We have no break from July to May, a slog which includes Simod, Littlewoods, Sherpa Van, Mercantile Festivals and our own FA Cup — just! Tired legs and stale minds were the end product in Germany.

There are imaginative coaches in this country with inventive ideas — not necessarily the big names — but we also have many blinkered coaches who too readily emphasize negative ploys to gain positive but valued results: offside abuse, killing the midfield space, up-and-unders under the disguise of percentage football, and so on. Long-throw merchants and midfield minders have become valued players. Fast, strong players have outshone the clever ball artist.

There can be no physical passengers in today's power game. The fear factor stands out. Managers and coaches work without long-term planning and in some cases without contracts. Of the 92 managers that began season 1987-88 in the Football League, about 60 still retain their positions. It is difficult to gain continuity with that departure rate.



Pleat: alert to deficiencies

Football cannot thrive under this transmitted pressure. So few of today's bosses, besieged by heavy wage demands, freedom of contract, a harsh tabloid Press, impatient supporters and some egotistical directors, can alienate themselves from such pressures and not only preach entertainment but practise it.

It is no coincidence that the qualities of pride, arrogance and financial security enable the few leading managers to control without personal insecurity. Brian Clough uses discipline but, more important, maximum use of the full width and length of the pitch. Jack Charlton would put two fingers up to personal pressurization and can relax enough to be beyond query when asserting his principles. Kenny Dalglish, with his excessive wealth of talent, appears to transmit calm and democracy into his quality passers. Some years ago, John Giles played football patiently and successfully at West Bromwich Albion until the system beat him.

Players must enjoy the way they are encouraged to express themselves within the team discipline, but we cannot be capable if we are not technically competent and confident.

We must not believe that the gin-and-tonic customers, the surviving cloth-cap supporters, or the new young breed on the terraces do not appreciate skill — they love it. I have been fortunate in managing such players as Hill, Hoddle, Ardiles, Stein and now McAllister; it is refreshing working with real talent.

To encourage and develop such players we need to reorganize the League structure and co-ordinate the progress of young players to shift the emphasis from results at all costs. We must give skilfully advanced individuals a greater opportunity to succeed.

Bobby Charlton was not supported when seeking a League management committee place. That is indicative of our thinking. His knowledge, supported by the likes of Sir Matt Busby, Brian Clough, Jimmy Hill, Bill Nicholson and Ron Greenwood, should be utilized.

The Football Association and the Football League must listen and take advice from those within the industry. To do something must be better than to do nothing.

1994 World Cup finals to be awarded to United States

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Capri

The 1994 World Cup finals will almost certainly be staged in the United States. The official announcement of the decision, which will close the one notable gap in the global game, is to be made in Zurich, significantly on the day the Americans celebrate their independence, July 4.

Luca Cordero di Montezemolo, a member of Italy's World Cup organizing committee, has been travelling from a seminar being conducted here to FIFA's headquarters throughout the week. He said yesterday that he is convinced the United States is about to receive belated compensation for the disappointment suffered several years ago, when, instead of selecting the one sizeable nation that had yet to adopt football as its leading domestic sport, FIFA invited Mexico to act as the host in 1986.

Now the world's governing body is expected to make the most substantial contribution to the development of the American game.

The improvement of the Italian version, in preparation for 1990, has started. At a cost of more than £200 million, two new arenas are being built and the 10 other chosen sites are being modernized.

One request for a specific location has also already been made to the organizing committee. Argentina, the holders, have asked to be accommodated in Naples. As one of the top seeds, they would be granted the advantage of staying and playing all their first round ties there. The other group B matches will be held in Bari, 150 miles to the east.

The Italians, regarded as the favourites for the trophy, will probably follow a convenient tradition and be centred in their own capital city. Their three rivals in group A would face a long journey to Florence, 160 miles to the north of Rome.

Before the other candidates set off on their differing routes to the finals, di Montezemolo fears that one of the strongest challenges could fail to arrive. He and his colleagues are concerned that Netherlands and West Germany have been drawn in the same qualifying group.

The Dutch are the European champions, the West Germans the World Cup runners-up. For either of them to be absent in 1990 would not only diminish the stature of the field but also reduce the number of visiting supporters. Money, as the Americans appreciate, makes the global game go round.

FIFA bans Mexico for two years for cheating

Zurich (Reuter) — FIFA yesterday banned Mexico from all international competitions for two years, including the 1990 World Cup and this year's Seoul Olympics, for which they had qualified.

FIFA's executive committee meted out the suspension — the most severe of its sort ever imposed — for cheating, following a qualifying tournament for the world youth championship in Guatemala City last April, when Mexico fielded four overage players.

There is no appeal against the ban, but Mexico can still play friendly matches and its clubs can continue to play internationally. Mexico's representative on the executive committee, Guillermo Canedo, left the meeting while the issue was discussed, and later refused to comment on the ban.

Officials implicated in the cheating face a life ban from their positions, but there will be no sanctions against the four players involved, who were all over the age limit of 20.

Mexico are also banned from the finals of the next world youth championship, in Saudi Arabia, where the United States will take the vacant place. Guatemala are the likely replacements in the Olympics.

FIFA fined the Kuwait Football Association (KFA) SwFr25,000 (nearly £10,000) for attempted corruption in two qualifying ties for the Olympics.

Wolves to profit from draw

The upsurge in the fortunes of Wolverhampton Wanderers was boosted yesterday when they landed a Midlands derby against Birmingham City in the draw for the first round of the Littlewoods Cup.

Wolves, the fourth division champions and winners of the Freight Rover Trophy last season, will meet City at Molineux in the first leg, which should produce a useful early season gate return for Graham Turner's side.

The draw has yielded several other interesting derby matches, including Notts County against Mansfield Town, Wigan Athletic and Preston North End, Fulham against Brentford and Cardiff City against Swansea City.

Lincoln City, newly returned to the Football League, will renew aquaintances with Crewe Alexandra.

FIRST ROUND DRAW: Stockport County v Tranmere Rovers; Bolton Wanderers v Chester; Wigan Athletic v Preston North End; Bury v Wrexham; Carlisle United v Blackpool; York City v Sunderland; Scunthorpe United v Huddersfield Town; Doncaster Rovers v Darlington; Grimsby Town v Rotherham United; Rochdale v Burnley; Scarborough v Halifax Town; Hartlepool United v Sheffield United; Port Vale v Chesterfield; Notts County v Mansfield Town; West Bromwich Albion v Peterborough; Wolverhampton Wanderers v Birmingham City; Shrewsbury v Walsall; Crewe Alexandra v Lincoln City; Cardiff City v Swansea City; Hereford United v Plymouth Argyle; Bristol City v Exeter City; AFC Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers; Torquay United v Reading; Cambridge United v Gillingham; Southend United v Brighton; Fulham v Brentford; Colchester United v Northampton United; Leyton Orient v Aldershot.

Ties to be played week commencing August 29 and the second leg during week commencing September 5.

Norwich ready to buy as sales profits soar

Norwich City are ready to sign a replacement for Kevin Dinkell, the forward they sold to Rangers for £600,000 on Wednesday. The club chairman, Robert Chase, said he planned to spend a large part of the £3 million he has made on tranfer sales of Chris Woods, Steve Bruce, Dave Watson and Drinkell.

Chase said that hours after Drinkell's sale had been agreed, he had made an offer on a player for a sum "in excess of the record fee we paid out when we signed Robert Fleck from Rangers earlier this year".

"We are certainly prepared to spend the money and we are prepared to smash our transfer fee record to do it," he added. Chase refused to name the player involved.

● Everton will have to wait on Pat Nevin, Chelsea's Scotland winger, who is wanted by the Merseyside club. Nevin's contract expired yesterday. "I've had a chat with him and he's got one or two more people to speak to but I'm hoping for a quick reply," Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, said. Harvey is also trying to persuade Gary Stevens to finish the remaining two years of his contract at Goodison.

● Liverpool signed Nick Tanner, aged 23, a defender, from Bristol Rovers yesterday. Kevin MacDonald has rejected a new Liverpool contract and is available for transfer.

● Brian Kilcline, the Coventry City captain, signed a three-year contract, but Nick Pickering and Dave Bennett have rejected fresh terms.

● Portsmouth have offered around £200,000 for Steve Williams, the Arsenal midfield player. The valuation is £100,000 below that expected by George Graham, the Arsenal manager, but firm negotiations are likely when he returns from holiday in Cyprus.

AZ Alkmaar go down

Amsterdam (Reuter) — A Dutch court yesterday rejected an unprecedented appeal by AZ Alkmaar over their relegation to the second division. AZ had asked for a replay of a controversial goalless draw at the end of last season between two other clubs, PEC Zwolle and Volendam, which saved both from going down. The draw left AZ, who won their final game 3-1, with 28 points — one fewer than PEC and Volendam.

● **BELGRADE:** The Yugoslav federation has penalized two first division clubs for result rigging (Reuter reports). The daily newspaper, *Politika*, said the federation's competition commission has decided to deduct six points from the bottom-of-the-league clubs, Pristina and Celik Zenica. It said that Pristina, who had already been relegated, had allowed Celik to score three goals in three minutes in the last match of the season to save them from relegation to the second division.

YACHTING

Upper hand this time to Gilmour

From Malcolm McKeag, Luleå, Sweden

In a dramatic close to the round-robin semi-finals of the 12-metre world championship, the America's Cup rivals, Peter Gilmour and Dennis Conner, met again for the first time since their encounter in Fremantle. And Conner lost.

For this regatta they have been sailing almost identical boats: Gilmour has Kookaburra III, the boat in which he was defeated by Conner's Stars and Stripes in Fremantle, Conner is in the near sister-ship, Kookaburra II.

On the first day on which there has been more than six knots of wind for the match-racing, the two tangled through a closely fought start to get off the line level. They arrived at the first mark overlapped, Gilmour on the outside. It took him more than half of the first mile-and-a-half run to forge ahead enough to break the Americans' overlap, and he led narrowly at the bottom turn.

But as the breeze built up a sea, Kooka III, chosen by the Australians over her sister for their America's Cup defence because of her superiority in waves, stretched out ahead and eventually won by 1min 25sec.

The long run of the dark horse, New Sweden, which has been so surprising observers with her speed, was finally brought to a halt by the combined efforts of the international jury and Bengal III, the Japanese-owned former Australia III. In a controversial drifting match-race, she had beaten Gilmour's Kookaburra on Wednesday, but Gilmour succeeded in having re-opened the hearing into a protest he had lodged regarding the length of the course, which was considerably less than the stipulated 12 miles.

The jury called a re-sail, which was held yesterday in a sparkling 15 to 18-knot breeze. It was perfect 12-metre match-racing weather and the New Swedes, for all their new speed, proved no match for the defending champions, Kookaburra winning by 2min 27sec.

RESULTS: Final round-robin standings: 1, Kookaburra III (Aus), P Gilmour, 7 wins; 2, Bengal III (Japan), S Lissman, 5; 3, New Sweden (Sweden), O Johansson, 5; 4, Nordstjernan (US), D Conner, 4; 5, Crusader 88 (GB), E Warden-Owen, 3; 6, Steak 'n' Kidney (Aus), P Thompson, 2; 7, Nippon (Japan), G Jobson, 1; 8, Holger Danske II (Den), V Bandolowski, 0.

Rojo wins again to take overall lead

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

John Tucker and Bob Francis yesterday sailed Rojo to her second consecutive win in the Tekflo national squib championships and they now hold the overall lead with one race to sail.

The fleet got away after a single general recall, beating into a steady 12-knot easterly, and it appeared that this change in conditions might bring new faces to the front.

As it turned out, the wind soon died to its usual eight knots or so but nevertheless new faces did appear as the strong, foul tide, combined with some jerky windshifts, made it difficult to predict the best course to windward.

Among the overall leaders, John Tucker alone appeared to have no difficulties with his course. He led at the first mark, used his impressive downwind speed to open up a safe lead, and skilfully maintained this position by hitting subsequent shifts absolutely right.

While conventional wisdom directed that the left of the course, with its lesser tide, should pay, the veering wind meant that those brave enough to risk the right-hand side sometimes benefited.

Such was the case on the last beat when Owen Delaney slipped in ahead of Ian Newman to take second place.

Just 3¼ points now separate Tucker and the former overall leader, Dick Batt, and this will ensure that today's final race, for which a force six is forecast, will be exciting.

RESULTS: Fifth race: 1, Rojo (J Tucker/R Francis), Burnham SC; 2, Mr Bumble (O Delaney/D Borrett), R Norfolk and Suffolk YC; 3, Fagin (I Newman/I Gray), West Mersey SC; 4, Brimstone (B Riley/J Riley), Waveney and Oulton Broad YC; 5, Full Circle (M Whittingham-Jones/M Jones), R Mersey YC; 6, Kitten (T Taylor/C Pope), S Caerns YC.

Offshore racers call for change

By Barry Pickthall

Just six months after Britain failed to raise a team to defend Australia's premier offshore racing trophy, the Southern Cross Cup, the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) finds itself unable to defend the Sardinia Cup, which was won by a British team for the first time two years ago.

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, headed by the Aga Khan, has given the RORC an extra month to raise a team, but so far only one skipper, Richard Fleck, has shown any desire to race.

This embarrassing situation for the RORC, which last year shared the ocean-racing world championship with New Zealand, comes at a time when grand prix racing under the International Offshore Rule (IOR) has hit an all-time low.

The allegations of cheating, which first emerged during the Sardinia Cup two years ago, coupled with the heavy charges levied at Costa Smeralda, are partially responsible for the decline of the Italian event.

This, however, masks the underlying grievance that the IOR has encouraged uncomfortable, unseaworthy boats with no use or value once their competitive racing days are over.

The writing has been on the wall for some time, but it is only this season, when owners have voted with their sea boots, that the rule-makers have been forced to reassess the situation.

The lack of interest in the IOR, which remains an unintelligible mass of formulae to most owners, is not reflected in other areas of the sport. This was reinforced last week by the record 1,560 entries in the highly successful Round the Island event, in which most crews raced under the infinitely cheaper and simpler Channel Handicap Formula developed to encourage cruiser racing.

But the RORC members are not twiddling their thumbs. A club committee is expected to suggest wholesale changes to the present rule to encourage more sea-kindly yachts with greater stability in time for consideration at the Offshore Racing Council's annual conference in November. This is an effort to save the Admiral's Cup from suffering the same lack of interest as the Sardinian event.

RUGBY UNION

Schuster back after injury for All Blacks

Sydney (Reuter) — New Zealand named John Schuster to partner Joe Stanley in the centre for Sunday's first international here against Australia.

Schuster, named player of the series during this year's Sydney Sevens, has recovered from a minor hamstring pull in time to replace the injured Warwick Taylor. Schuster scored two tries in Wednesday's 29-4 defeat of New South Wales Country before being forced to leave the field in the second half.

The other change from the New Zealand team which beat Wales 54-9 in the second international on June 11 is the inclusion of Mike Brewer at flank forward instead of Michael Jones. Jones refuses to play on Sundays because of his religious beliefs.

The series should finally decide who is the world's most exciting winger — David Campese, of Australia, or John Kirwan, of the All Blacks.

The two will line up opposite each other in the first international, with Campese, the most prolific try-scorer in history, in the unfamiliar position of having to prove his worth.

In the New Zealanders' Press pack, Kirwan is described as "the world's best wing" a phrase few who saw the blond giant in last year's World Cup, and during the recent series against Wales, would argue with.

At 23 years of age, Kirwan, a right-winger, has scored more than 100 first-class tries, including 18 in 22 internationals. He needs just one more in the three internationals against Australia to equal the New Zealand record of 19 scored by Stu Wilson.

NEW ZEALAND: J Gallagher; J Kirwan, J Stanley, J Schuster, T Wright; G Fox, B Deans; W Shelford, M Brewer, A Whetton, M Pierce, G Whetton, R Loe, S Fitzpatrick, S McDowell.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Third Cornhill Test Match

11.0, 90 overs minimum

OLD TRAFFORD: England v West Indies.

Britannic Assurance Championship

11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0 (or 102 overs)

GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Hampshire.

CANTERBURY: Kent v Essex.

LORD'S: Middlesex v Yorkshire.

TAUNTON: Somerset v Glamorgan.

NUNEATON (Griff and Coton): Warwickshire v Lancashire.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Ilford: Essex v Kent; **Pontardulais:** Glamorgan v Somerset; **Bristol:** Gloucestershire v Worcestershire; **Leicester:** Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire; **Northampton:** Northamptonshire v Middlesex; **Horsham:** Sussex v Warwickshire; **Todmorden:** Yorkshire v Lancashire.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Grand Prix of Wales (Abergavenny).

GOLF: Scottish Boys strokeplay championship (Dumfries); European Women's open championship (Kingswood).

ROWING: Henley Royal regatta.

SPEEDWAY: National League: Edinburgh v Rye House; Glasgow v Exeter; Hackney v Poole; Peterborough v Mildenhall.

SWIMMING: Eight nations contest (Edinburgh).

TENNIS: All England championships (Wimbledon LT and C Club).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1988: ITV 4 a.m. (tomorrow): New York Yankees v Cleveland Indians.

CRICKET: BBC1 10.50 a.m.-1 p.m. BBC2 12.55-1.05, 1.35 p.m. Highlights 12.05 a.m. (tomorrow): Third Cornhill Insurance Test: England v West Indies from Old Trafford.

RACING: C4 2.30 p.m.: 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Sandown Park.

TENNIS: BBC1 1.50-4 p.m. Highlights 10.20 p.m. BBC2 4-8 p.m. (includes cricket): Wimbledon: The championships from the All England Club.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

SHELSLEY WALSH HILL CLIMB: Fourteen classes of cars from vintage and veteran to saloon and racing will attempt this weekend to break records at the Shelsley Walsh hill climb meeting. From a standing start, the cars speed up gradients of one in eight on average and one in five at the steepest part over the 1,000yd smooth tarmac course. The fastest class, racing cars over 2,000cc, reach speeds of 120mph at the first speed trap and 130mph as they cross the finishing line despite negotiating the sharp corners.

The track has been in use since 1905 and the hill climb is the world's oldest motoring event held over its original course. Tomorrow the vintage and veteran cars show their paces and on Sunday, the Midlands championship, second only in importance to the British equivalent, takes place and to merit its ranking, the first 10 drivers in last year's British championship will be participating.

HOW TO GET THERE: Shelsley Walsh hill climb course, Worcestershire (Tel 088 65 211) is off the B4204 Worcester to Tenbury Wells road, 10 miles north west of Worcester. Admission is £5 tomorrow and £4.50 on Sunday. Children 14 and under and parking are free. Practice is at 10 a.m. and racing begins at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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BOWLS

Date with destiny

If Norfolk beat Essex at Norwich tomorrow, they will qualify for the quarter-finals of the NatWest Bank Middleton Cup (Gordon Allan writes). If not, their section would be decided on shots difference, with the winners advancing to play either Nottinghamshire or Lincolnshire.

Norfolk have introduced three young front-end players this season — Steve Ellis, Ian Daines and Adrian Thwaites — and they have blended well in an unbeaten team.

Hampshire have already qualified for the last eight and Northumberland, Leicestershire, Berkshire, Gloucestershire and Somerset seem likely to join them.

CYCLING

Sutton is unconfined

By Peter Bryan

Shane Sutton, the Australian professional who has contributed much to the success of PMS-Dawes, the team which toppled the Russians in last month's Milk Race, has dropped his plans to take a break from competition while his wife has their second child.

At a reception in Birmingham to mark the team's achievement, Sutton confirmed that he would be starting tonight in the three-day Grand Prix of Wales, based on Abergavenny. "I am back in training but with such a hilly course in this event, I expect to suffer," he said.

This time last year he was first man off in the Tour de France prologue, in West Berlin. "I only wish I could be riding again this year when the three-week race starts in Britanny on Monday," he said.

Sutton, persuaded by his team manager, Keith Lambert, not to stop racing, will concentrate on preparing for the Kellogg's Tour of Britain, starting on August 9. He and his team colleagues will each receive a car next Tuesday from their sponsor, to acknowledge their Milk Race victory.

The Grand Prix of Wales appears to be tailor-made for climbers like Chris Lillywhite, with the Blorenge Mountain figuring in each of the four stages.

BASKETBALL

Champions move home

The national champions, Portsmouth, were yesterday given the go-ahead to move to the new £8 million Rivermead Leisure Complex in Reading.

Bracknell Tigers, who are based nine miles from Reading, made strong protests to the Basketball League Limited (BLL), but the BLL, which runs the Carlsberg League, dismissed Bracknell's objections.

In a similar judgment, the BLL has given permission to Olympic City Giants to play at Manchester University — just two miles from Stretford, where Manchester Eagles stage their fixtures.

RACING: ROYAL HUNT CUP RUNNER-UP WILL BE WELL SUITED BY EXTRA QUARTER-MILE OF COMPETITIVE SANDOWN HANDICAP

Ghadbbaan to recoup Ascot losses

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Michael Roberts can get in the right frame of mind for his enviable ride on Mtoto in tomorrow's Eclipse Stakes by winning the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy on **Ghadbbaan** over precisely the same course and distance at Sandown Park today.

This valuable handicap is of particular interest because it has drawn together three of the horses who figured prominently at Royal Ascot.

Apart from Ghadbbaan, who was beaten a neck in the Royal Hunt Cup, they are the Bessborough Stakes runner-up Rambo Dancer, who also went under by only a neck, and Thethingaboutitis, who was presented with the King George V Handicap when the leader, Ile De Chypre, suddenly ducked violently to his left and unseated his jockey, Greville Starkey, inside the final furlong.

In going for Ghadbbaan, who worked extremely well with Mtoto at Newmarket last Saturday, I feel that he will be best suited by today's distance.

The way that he finished at the end of a mile at Ascot, suggested he was crying out for a bit further.

Whatever else happens, Noble Bid should beat Persillant on these terms. For he has a 5lb pull for the neck by which he was beaten in a similar contest over the same track three weeks ago.

And talking of distance, I feel that **Panda Prince** should come into his own now that he is tackling seven furlongs once again in the Wayfoong Handicap.

It was over this trip that he scored at Chester as a two-year-old. Yet this season he has run twice over six furlongs and once over a mile.

Each time he has gone over the shorter trip he has looked tapped for the necessary speed. Yet he has still run well both times to finish less than three lengths behind the smart Cadeaux Genereux, first at Newmarket and then again at York.

When the starting stalls are placed on the stand side of the sprint chute at Sandown, a low draw seems desirable; the opposite when they are on the far side.

Michael Roberts, who teams up again with Ghadbbaan

This time their positioning would appear to give Marbella Silks, who is drawn three, a good chance of winning again even though all his successes have been over six furlongs.

The last time that he ran at Sandown he was beaten a short head by Proud And Keen, who has done him proud by winning at Goodwood and Ascot in the meantime.

At Haydock, I am looking to **Cataclysmic** (3.20) and **Tailspin** (4.50) to give the Manton father and son pairing of Barry and Michael Hills a double.

Cataclysmic, who was the medium of a successful gamble down to 9-2 from 12-1 to win her maiden at Catterick Bridge last month, appeals to me as a sporting nap to win the Johnny Osborne Handicap in the belief that she is probably a pretty useful filly who might easily have been leniently treated by the handicapper on the bare evidence of just two runs.

Stable companion Tailspin, who is my choice for the Fred Archer Handicap, beat Arsonist by three lengths when he scored at Redcar. At Yarmouth on Tuesday, that form looked even better when Arsonist won next time out.

In going for **Duckington** to win the Freddy Fox Handicap, I am taking a calculated risk because he has never won over six furlongs.

However, at Newcastle, last Saturday, he was in complete command at this distance before going on to score by eight lengths over seven furlongs.

So I think the risk is worth taking, especially since the operation to improve his breathing has turned out a complete success.

At Beverley this evening, there looks like being a keen duel for the Grandways Cottingham Stakes between Henry Cecil's **Green Flag**, who was beaten a short head by Aldbourne last time after winning his first race by 10 lengths, and Guy Harwood's easy Wolverhampton winner Sterling Ace.

With Aldbourne winning that valuable race at Newmarket last Saturday, Green Flag's form looks better than it did at the time, and he is preferred.

Rouge Clover (8.5) could be one winner, though, for Sterling Ace's jockey, Greville Starkey, in the Grandways Norwood Maiden Stakes. This is a very nice half-brother to that good stayer White Clover.

Blinkered first time

BEVERLEY: 8.5 Don Giulio. HAYDOCK: 2.45 Dinsdale Lad. SANDOWN: 4.10 Nasdarovye.

Ricketts refutes allegation of naivety

Tristram Ricketts, the chief executive of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, yesterday refuted allegations made by David Harris, the outgoing president of the Racehorse Owners' Association, that the Board's attitude to bookmakers was naive (Michael Seely writes).

Ricketts commented: "Mr Harris's speech was thought-provoking and interesting and we appreciated his references to extra prize money. But we consider ourselves to be pragmatic and business-like. We are a commercial organization as far as our statutory responsibilities allow."

The gist of Harris's argument was that the presence of bookmakers on the Levy Board created a conflict of interests.

Harris said: "The only analogy I can give is — would you have the Inland Revenue, namely tax collectors, form part of the Government and sit in the Cabinet and be privy to the deliberations of the Exchequer? Additionally, do punters really believe that bookmakers truly represent punters' interests?"

Ricketts commented: "The constitution of the Levy Board is a matter for the Home Secretary and Parliament. Calls for the abolition of the bookmakers' seats on the Board should be addressed to them.

"As far as bookmakers' estimates of turnover are concerned, we listen carefully to information from independent sources, including the Customs and Excise and independent accountants."

No watering at Sandown

Sandown Park missed yesterday's heavy showers in the London area and the hopes of Indian Skimmer's supporters for tomorrow's spectacular, the Coral-Eclipse Stakes, received a further setback.

Mark Kershaw, the clerk of the course, said: "Rain is forecast, so we won't be watering. I've just walked the track and the going is still good to firm."

Indian Skimmer's price drifted from 4-1 to 9-2 with the sponsors. Mtoto has shortened to 11-10 on with Triptych on offer at 11-4.

Cumani considers Arc Kahyasi's natural objective

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Kahyasi, the winner of the English and Irish Derbys, is one of 53 British entries for the Ciga Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on Sunday, October 2.

Speaking at a conference organised by Ciga Hotels, the sponsors not only of Europe's most valuable horse race but also of the other 13 events that will be run during Ciga Weekend in Paris, Luca Cumani said: "The Arc becomes a natural objective now that time is running out for the King George. If all goes well, he'll have a rest in July and early August. Then he'll have a prep race somewhere. I can assure you, you will see a fighting fit Kahyasi in Paris."

Commenting further about the cut on Kahyasi's near-fore, sustained during the running of the Irish Derby, the season's leading trainer added: "There is still a lot of swelling which is preventing us from having a tendon scan. But although he is still sore in the area of the knock, Kahyasi is sound at a walk and at a trot."

The Aga Khan, a major shareholder in Ciga and also the owner of Kahyasi, said: "If he'd been all right, Kahyasi would have certainly run in the King George. It is very difficult to keep a horse at his peak for both Ascot and Paris after a long campaign."

No syndication plans have yet been announced for Kahyasi or Doyoun, the same owner's 2,000 Guineas winner, who then finished third in the Derby. "Michael Stoute is waiting for Doyoun to tell us when he is ready to race again," said the Aga Khan. "But the International Stakes at the York Ebor meeting would seem to be a logical objective."

The Aga Khan has six entries in the Arc, which has a guaranteed value of £500,000 to the winner. The Maktoum family of Dubai has no less than 53, but they do not include Diminuendo, Sheikh Mohammed's winner of the Oaks. A supplementary entry on the Tuesday before the race would cost an owner £30,000.

The 14 races over the weekend will include three group one events, the Arc, the Prix de L'Abbaye and Prix Marcel Boussac.

Louis Romanet, the director general of the French Jockey Club, said that four races will be added to Channel Four's programme from Newmarket on the Saturday. On Sunday, all the group one races will be screened live.

Romanet was looking forward to watching the video recording of the Ascot Gold Cup and of the controversial disqualification of the French horse, Royal Gait, from first place. "It should be interesting," he continued. "But my feeling is that if you run a horse in another country, you have to abide by their rules and regulations."

When asked what would have happened in a similar incident in Paris, the director general said: "If a horse falls and if a jockey is found guilty of having caused that fall, he receives a minimum ban of 14 days and the horse is disqualified as well."

Proctor does his father proud with first winner

The proudest man at Brighton yesterday was Dick Hern's top work rider and occasional jockey, Brian Proctor — even though he did not have a mount.

The source of his delight was his 17-year-old son Anthony, who registered his first winner, on Ferryman in the Blackmantle Handicap.

"That has given me more pleasure than any winner I have ever ridden. Anthony will soon be getting more rides than me," said Proctor.

Anthony Proctor has been riding out for Ferryman's trainer David Elsworth since the age of 14 and joined him on a full-time basis last year.

Ferryman, only five years younger than his jockey, was racing for the 113th time.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Sawaik.
2.35 Intebah.
3.05 Ghadbbaan.
3.40 Panda Prince.
4.10 Marbella Silks.
4.40 Rowlandsons Trophy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Sawaik.
2.35 Bell Toll.
3.05 Rambo Dancer.
3.40 Bashush.
4.10 Marbella Silks.
4.40 Daily Sport Soon.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f high numbers best**

2.0 INCHCAPE GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,778: 5f) (7 runners)

102	(4)	3100	MIAMI BANKER 46 (D,S) (J Amass) P Arthur 9-4	NON-RUNNER	—
103	(1)	441	SAWAIK 13 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-4	M Roberts	87
104	(2)	12	SHARP JUSTICE 41 (D,G) (Malpass Bros Ltd) M Ryan 9-4	P Robinson	85
105	(7)	310	YEOMAN FORCE 15 (D,F) (Mrs S Lee-Robinson) K Ivory 9-4	P Cook	97
107	(6)	132	RED ROSEIN 21 (D,F) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 8-13	Kim Tinkler	● 99
109	(5)	3	SYLVAN MISTRAL 24 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-12	S Whitworth	91
110	(3)		FOREST BLAZE (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 8-7	T Ives	—

BETTING: 11-4 Sharp Justice, 4-1 Forest Blaze, 9-2 Sylvan Mistral, 11-2 Red Rosein, 6-1 Sawaik, Yeoman Force.

1987: LUSTY LAD 9-4 J Reid (25-1) M Haynes 5 ran

FORM SAWAIK (9-0) 4l winner from Danson Park (9-0) at Lingfield (5f mdn, £3108, good to firm, Jun 18, 9 ran).

SHARP JUSTICE (9-3) 4l 2nd to Tigani (9-3) at Kempton (6f, £2658, good to firm, May 21, 7 ran).

YEOMAN FORCE (8-13) 7¾l 6th to Superpower (8-13) at Ascot (5f Gp3, £19835, firm, Jun 16, 10 ran).

RED ROSEIN (9-3) hd 2nd to Diamond Appeal (8-8) at York (5f grad, £3167, good, Jun 10, 5 ran).

SYLVAN MISTRAL (9-0) 2½l 3rd to Heart Of Arabia (6f mdn, £959, good to firm, Jun 7, 8 ran).

FOREST BLAZE (Foaled Apr 14) By Green Forest. A half-sister to 2 winners. Dam a Group winner in North America.

Selection: SAWAIK

2.35 GRE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,064: 7f) (11 runners)

201	(5)		ASLIA (Mrs R Daniels) I Balding 8-11	T Ives	—
203	(10)	0	BELL TOLL 34 (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	Pat Eddery	87
204	(8)		CARELESS TALK (M Tabor) W Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	—
205	(7)	032	DUTYFUL 8 (Green Curtis Blomfield) M Haynes 8-11	R Fox	● 99
206	(9)		FANCY PEARL (D Agnew) P Cole 8-11	W Carson	—
207	(11)		INTEBAH (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	—
211	(6)		MILLIE BELLE (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 8-11	G Bardwell (3)	—
212	(4)		NESSFIELD (B Haggas) W Haggas 8-11	M Roberts	—
213	(1)	00	NITE NITE LOUISA 21 (P Johnston) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
214	(3)		RACING HOME (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-11	A Cruz	—
215	(2)	0	THE FIRST WIFE 70 (D Churston) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	—

BETTING: 5-2 Intebah, 3-1 Dutyful, 6-1 Aslia, Racing Home, 8-1 Fancy Pearl, Nessfield, 12-1 others.

1987: HULDINE 8-11 B Thomson (7-1) P Walwyn 12 ran

FORM BELL TOLL (8-11) 8½l 5th to Fit For A Queen (8-11) at Lingfield (6f mdn, £3586, good to firm, May 28, 17 ran).

DUTYFUL (8-9) sht hd 2nd to Hawwam (9-0) at Kempton (7f mdn, £2798, good to firm, Jun 22, 12 ran).

THE FIRST WIFE (8-6) 11l 9th to Finnair Finesse (8-11) here (5f mdn, £3262, good to soft, Apr 22, 11 ran).

ASLIA (Foaled Mar 12) By Henbit. Dam a winning half-sister to juvenile group winner Kingscote.

FANCY PEARL (Foaled Apr 1) By Grey Dawn. Dam a winner in North America.

Selection: DUTYFUL

3.5 ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TROPHY (Handicap: £26,505: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301	(4)	F2142	RAMBO DANCER 16 (D,G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-10	Pat Eddery	93
304	(9)	12-0301	PERSILLANT 20 (CD,G) (Sir K Butt) M Jarvis 4-9-9 (5ex)	B Raymond	91
305	(5)	2144-12	GHADBBAAN 16 (D,BF,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 4-9-6	M Roberts	● 99
308	(3)	400-032	NOBLE BID 20 (D,F,S) (A Stirling) J Dunlop 4-9-4	W Carson	95
310	(6)	003100	RANA PRATAP 9 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Thornberry) G Lewis 8-8-12	J Corrigan (7)	91
313	(7)	00-411	PELORUS 27 (D,F,S) (J Slade) W Jarvis 3-8-5 (5ex)	Paul Eddery	91
314	(8)	030-332	OLD EROS 24 (D,BF,F,G) (T Child) R Williams 4-7-13	R Hills	89
316	(1)	3044	FIRST FORUM 20 (The Forum Ltd) J Sutcliffe 3-7-9	G Bardwell (3)	88
318	(2)	0-14121	THETHINGABOUTITIS 15 (F,S) (S Roots) G Lewis 3-7-7 (5ex)	M L Thomas	94

BETTING: 7-2 Pelorus, 9-2 Thethingaboutitis, 6-1 Ghadbbaan, Rambo Dancer, 8-1 Noble Bid, Persillant, Old Eros, 10-1 First Forum, 14-1 Rana Pratap.

1987: LOUD APPEAL 3-8-8 W R Swinburn (4-1 fav) M Stoute 10 ran

FORM RAMBO DANCER (9-0) nk 2nd to Vouchsafe (7-13) at Ascot (1m 4f hcap, £11632, good to firm, Jun 15, 17 ran).

PERSILLANT (9-6) nk winner from NOBLE BID (9-6) here (1m 2f hcap, £8363, good, Jun 11, 13 ran) with FIRST FORUM (7-4) 3l 4th and RANA PRATAP 9th.

GHADBBAAN (9-5) nk 2nd to Governorship (9-6) at Ascot (1m hcap, £29732, firm, Jun 15, 26 ran).

PELORUS (8-8) 2l winner from Stated Case (7-12) at Haydock (1m 2f hcap, £2597, good to soft, Jun 4, 9 ran).

OLD EROS (8-10) 5l 2nd to Samhaan (9-7) at Yarmouth (1m 2f hcap, £2545, good to firm, Jun 7, 13 ran).

THETHINGABOUTITIS (7-7) 2½l winner from Nikitas (8-7) at Ascot (1m 4f hcap, £11497, good to firm, Jun 15, 18 ran).

Selection: RAMBO DANCER

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Stewart	6	16	37.5	Pat Eddery	41	172	23.8
M Stoute	24	111	21.6	T Quinn	14	86	16.3
N Callaghan	4	20	20.0	T Ives	10	69	14.5
D Thom	4	20	20.0	M Roberts	9	65	13.8
I Balding	8	43	18.6	P Robinson	6	48	12.5
R Williams	7	40	17.5	W Carson	19	167	11.4

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Halcyon Days.
2.45 Petongs Weeyin.
3.20 CATACLYSMIC (nap).
3.50 Duckington.
4.20 Nightstalker.
4.50 Tailspin.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
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By Michael Seely
2.15 Halcyon Days. 3.20 CATACLYSMIC (nap). 4.50 Tailspin.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 NIGHTSTALKER (nap).

Going: firm **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

2.15 STEVE DONOGHUE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,455: 1m) (7 runners)

1	(4)	0	DARING TIMES 18 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0	M Birch	86
3	(5)	0-2	FRENCH POLISH 20 (Lord H de Walden) E Weymes 9-0	K Darley	● 99
7	(6)	0-	HALCYON DAYS 280 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	96
8	(1)		HOME POOL (Mrs H Phillips) C Brittain 9-0	T Williams	—
15	(2)	20	ORIENTAL TREASURE 97 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	97
16	(3)	0-	PENULTIMATION 245 (Mrs L Ward) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	—
23	(7)	0-00	PRIMACARA 38 (C Nicholson) D Arbuthnot 8-11	G Carter	84

BETTING: 4-5 Halcyon Days, 4-1 Oriental Treasure, 6-1 French Polish, 7-1 Penultimation, 10-1 Home Pool, 14-1 Daring Times, 25-1 Primacara.

1987: STERN LASS 8-11 M Hills (6-1) B Hills 10 ran

2.45 FRANK WOOTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,316: 5f) (7 runners)

3	(4)	00	BRAVE MELODY 11 (Mrs G Rees) Capt J Wilson 8-11	—	—
4	(2)	000	DINSDALE LAD 6 (B) (C Bircham) G Moore 8-11	A Mackay	83
7	(5)	430023	MY TOPIC 4 (D,S) (J Brown) J Berry 8-10	J Carroll	94
8	(6)	441222	PETONGS WEEYIN 3 (D,BF,F) (J Innes) R Stubbs 8-10	M Birch	● 99
10	(3)	00	BURNDITCH GIRL 9 (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 8-6	J Lowe	—
12	(7)	000	DIXIE MUSIC 13 (P Asquith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-6	K Fallon (5)	88
15	(1)	0	PLUMAGE 49 (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-6	Dean McKeown	—

BETTING: 6-4 Petongs Weeyin, 3-1 My Topic, 11-2 Dinsdale Lad, 7-1 Dixie Music, 12-1 Brave Melody, 16-1 Burnditch Girl, Plumage.

1987: NATIONS GAME 8-6 D Nicholls (3-1) R Stubbs 8 ran

3.20 JOHNNY OSBORNE HANDICAP (£4,986: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

3	(3)	04-0321	PICEA 22 (D,G,S) (T Warner) M Jarvis 5-9-10	S Cauthen	93
4	(5)	11110/0	HIGH KNOWL 25 (D,F,G,S) (N Wellington) M Pipe 5-9-5	J Williams	91
6	(8)	1100-00	DESERT OF WIND 76 (D,F,G) (T Connop) R Hollinshead 5-9-4	S Perks	94
7	(2)	0-10	ZAFFARAN 15 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-0	W R Swinburn	87
8	(9)	04300-0	QUESSARD 8 (F H Lee) F H Lee 4-8-13	G Starkey	84
9	(7)	4-00400	TITTLEMOUSE 20 (G) (Mrs C Holland-Martin) D Arbuthnot 4-8-12	W Newnes	● 99
10	(1)	00-0000	TRUE GENT 10 (F) (H Ashworth) C J Bell 4-8-12	W Ryan	—
12	(4)	2020-34	DRESS UP 9 (B,D,G) (T Kindon) M H Easterby 4-8-6	M Birch	92
13	(6)	0-1	CATACLYSMIC 27 (D,F) (W Gredley) B Hills 3-8-6	M Hills	90

BETTING: 5-4 Cataclysmic, 7-2 Zaffaran, 9-2 Picea, 10-1 Tittlemouse, Dress Up, 12-1 High Knowl, 14-1 Desert Of Wind, 16-1 Quessard, 25-1 True Gent.

1987: CRYSTAL MOSS 4-7-7 J Carter (3-1 jt-fav) W Brooks 9 ran

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3.40 WAYFOONG HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,963: 7f) (13 runners)

402	(13)	010-4	PICAROON 82 (F) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 9-7	W Carson	87
404	(3)	3-00012	SHABANAZ 14 (CD,G) (N Aboobaker) R Hannon 9-5	R Wernham	● 99
406	(1)	P-30	PRINCE OF RHEIMS 20 (R Garland) P Mitchell 9-0	T Ives	93
407	(10)	100-01	BASHUSH 37 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-13	R Hills	94
408	(2)	01-020	PANDA PRINCE 20 (D,S) (S Crown) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	95
409	(5)	402000	THOMAS LENG 6 (V,D,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-11	M Wigham	98
411	(11)	031	EFFERVESCENT 36 (D,F) (Mrs S Khan) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	93
412	(7)	0-03310	PARK STREET 14 (F) (L Sainer) P Walwyn 8-9	Pat Eddery	95
415	(6)	40-0004	APPELLANT 32 (A Richards) C Brittain 8-5	G Duffield	95
417	(8)	200212	FILLE D'ESPRIT 11 (G,S) (Mrs C Dickson) W Haggas 8-2	M Roberts	97
418	(4)	03-0140	KINDLED 13 (F) (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-1	S Whitworth	95
419	(9)	40-0001	MELODY LANE 8 (V,F,G) (D Chapman) M Haynes 7-13 (6ex)	R Fox	97
420	(12)	00-0122	ROWLANDSONS GEMS 8 (F) (Rowlandsons Ltd) A Ingham 7-10	G Bardwell (3)	94

BETTING: 9-2 Melody Lane, 5-1 Bashush, 11-2 Effervescent, Shabanaz, 8-1 Fille D'Esprit, Rowlandsons Gems, 10-1 Panda Prince, Picaroon, 12-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM SHABANAZ (8-7) 2½l 2nd to Foreign Survivor (9-3) at Ascot (1m hcap, £11531, firm, June 17, 15 ran).

BASHUSH (9-3) beat Dealer's Delight (8-10) a short head at Brighton (7f hcap, £3297, firm, May 25, 15 ran).

EFFERVESCENT (9-0) beat T Catty (8-11) a neck at Catterick (7f mdn, £947, good to firm, May 26, 15 ran).

FILLE D'ESPRIT (8-6) best effort ¾l victory over In The Rigging (9-3) at Newbury (7f 60y hcap, £4247, good, June 8, 16 ran).

MELODY LANE (8-10) beat ROWLANDSONS GEMS (8-9) 1½l at Goodwood (1m hcap, £3198, firm, June 23, 11 ran).

Selection: SHABANAZ

4.10 JARDINE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,960: 5f) (14 runners)

501	(8)	0210-01	PORTVASCO 53 (S) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 9-7	T Ives	93
502	(7)	12-0000	LUSTY LAD 21 (CD,F,G) (A Walder) M Haynes 9-0	J Reid	95
503	(3)	121131	MARBELLA SILKS 13 (F,G) (R Scott) M Ryan 9-0 (5ex)	G Bardwell (3)	98
504	(13)	03-0000	SONILLA 13 (D,F,S) (J Law) R Holder 8-12	S Dawson	84
505	(5)	222-240	MASARRAH 20 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-12	M Roberts	92
507	(11)	2-100	IDRAK 27 (D,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8	Pat Eddery	90
508	(9)	42-1104	TEEMING SHORE 13 (D,G) (T Rooney) M Prescott 8-7	G Duffield	94
509	(4)	000020	MERE MELODY 13 (D,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-7	M Wigham	94
512	(2)	000-004	JUST JENNINGS 20 (B,D,F) (T H Jennings Harlow Ltd) G Lewis 8-2	Paul Eddery	93
513	(12)	1-33331	FAIRFIELD LAD 20 (CD,G,S) (J Hay) M Tompkins 8-0	R Hills	96
514	(10)	0-02000	VERY SPECIAL LADY 10 (D,F,G) (K Deverell) A Ingham 7-10	G Hills (7)	● 99
515	(6)	12200-0	SYMI 36 (D,F) (Mrs H Cambanis) John FitzGerald 7-10	R Fox	95
516	(14)	022000	SWING LUCKY 21 (D,S) (Mrs L Ward) K Ivory 7-9	N Adams	94
518	(1)	30-0204	NASDAROVYE 4 (B) (A Hodge) D Thom 7-7	M L Thomas	92

Long handicap: Nasdarovye 7-1.

BETTING: 9-2 Teeming Shore, 11-2 Fairfield Lad, 6-1 Marbella Silks, 7-1 Portvasco, 8-1 Idrak, 10-1 Mere Melody, Lusty Lad, 12-1 others.

1987: DURHAM PLACE 5-8-6 S Whitworth (12-1) K Brassey 10 ran

FORM PORTVASCO (9-7) beat Dawes Of Nelson (7-7) 1½l at Windsor (6f hcap, £2893, good to soft, May 9, 13 ran).

LUSTY LAD (8-7) best effort 3l 5th to Saladan Knight (7-11) at Epsom (5f hcap, £7778, good, June 2, 13 ran) with MERE MELODY (7-9) out of first 9.

MARBELLA SILKS (9-1) beat Chummy's Favourite (8-13) ½l at Redcar (6f hcap, £3568, firm, June 18, 6 ran).

MERE MELODY (8-5) best effort neck 2nd to Thorner Lane (8-12) at York (5f hcap, £4971, good, June 10, 16 ran).

FAIRFIELD LAD (8-12) beat Erris Express (9-7) 2l here (5f hcap, £4071, good, June 11, 9 ran) with JUST JENNINGS (9-6) ¾l away 4th.

Selection: FAIRFIELD LAD

4.40 YEAR OF THE DRAGON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,318: 1m 3f 100yd) (12 runners)

601	(10)	33-0	TOUCH FOR LUCK 88 (J Smith) R Sheather 9-5	B Raymond	81
607	(9)	00	WILLIE-RUN 6 (T Hornett) R Williams 8-5	T Ives	81
608	(3)	000420	SEXTON 3 (N Anderson) R Hannon 8-4	B Rouse	82
610	(8)	0-001	SONOMA MISSION 34 (F) (J Short) J King 8-3	M Roberts	85
611	(6)	120-000	BELVEDERE COURT 20 (F,G) (J Prenn) J Winter 8-1	G Bardwell (3)	● 99
612	(7)	0	CARTOONESS 32 (G Bearman) J Hills 8-1	Paul Eddery	80
613	(11)	03-1030	DAILY SPORT SOON 35 (S) (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-1	—	95
614	(2)	3-00003	ROWLANDSONS TROPHY 10 (S) (Rowlandsons Ltd) A Ingham 7-13	R Fox	96
615	(5)	0-03	SHOT AND SHELL 21 (BF) (P Mellon) I Balding 7-13	M Marshall (7)	90
618	(12)	000	OKAZ 22 (M Power) R Hannon 7-11	A McGlone	90
619	(1)	0-0000	POUR ENCOURAGER 17 (T Gregory) G Lewis 7-11	W Carson	—
621	(4)		HYDRO-ELECTRIC (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 7-10	S Dawson	—

BETTING: 100-30 Shot And Shell, 5-1 Rowlandsons Trophy, 11-2 Sonoma Mission, 6-1 Okaz, Pour Encourager, Touch For Luck, 8-1 Daily Sport Soon, 10-1 others.

1987: (1m 5f) QUEENS LAKE 8-1 Paul Eddery (15-8 fav) P Kelleway 7 ran

FORM SEXTON (8-3) best effort 10l 2nd to Ostura (9-0) at Newbury (1m 3f hcap, £4265, good to soft, June 9, 15 ran).

SONOMA MISSION (8-4) beat Bambolero (8-8) 1l at Warwick (1m claim, £3498 good to firm, May 28, 19 ran).

BELVEDERE COURT (9-7) best effort ½l victory over Barnby Moor (8-7) at Folkestone (6f hcap, £1694, good to firm, Aug 11, 8 ran).

DAILY SPORT SOON (9-5) best effort 12¾l 3rd to Fenlands (9-0) at Chepstow (1m 4f hcap, £1943, good, May 10, 19 ran).

ROWLANDSONS TROPHY (9-4) 3¾l 3rd to Monteros Boy (8-11) at Bath (1m 8y hcap, £3150, firm, June 21, 6 ran).

SHOT AND SHELL (8-9) 7½l 3rd to Forbes Spirit (8-8) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50y claim, £2111, good, June 10, 16 ran).

Selection: ROWLANDSONS TROPHY

3.50 FREDDY FOX HANDICAP (£3,464: 6f) (14 runners)

4	(2)	102040	MINIZEN LASS 7 (F,G) (Minizen Ltd) M Brittain 4-9-10	A Munro (5)	96
6	(12)	0110-00	MAJOR IVOR 6 (D,F) (P Colquhoun) Mrs G Reveley 3-9-9	J Lowe	80
8	(13)	400001	LOCHONICA 8 (D,F,G,S) (S Woodall) T Barron 5-9-6 (4ex)	R Cochrane	94
9	(3)	412121	DUCKINGTON 6 (F,G) (Lady Muriess) M H Easterby 4-9-2 (7ex)	M Birch	● 99
10	(7)	001000	THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 7 (CD,F) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 4-9-1	M Richardson (7)	92
12	(10)	0-00030	CHAPLINS CLUB 21 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 8-8-13	W Ryan	85
13	(8)	000000-	NORAPA 248 (D,F,G) (A Wragg) J Wainwright 4-8-13	—	89
15	(1)	030042	TOBERMORY BOY 4 (D,F,G) (C Longbottom) R Whitaker 11-8-11	Dean McKeown	96
17	(5)	0000-00	CAPEABILITY POUND 60 (F,G,S) (Martin Pound Racing Ltd) A W Jones 5-8-8	—	84
18	(9)	040-003	NEEDWOOD NUT 9 (CD,G) (Needwood Turf Accounts) B Morgan 4-8-6	J Williams	89
20	(11)	3-00204	THEKKIAN 28 (C,G) (C Owens) R Hollinshead 4-7-10	A Culhane (3)	90
22	(6)	020-000	SUPREME OPTIMIST 25 (B) (A White) R E Peacock 4-7-7	T Williams	82
23	(4)	4000-00	CLEVER TREVOR 28 (J Burgess) G Moore 4-7-7	A Mackay	89

Long handicap: Supreme Optimist 7-6, Clever Trevor 7-5.

BETTING: 11-4 Duckington, 9-2 Lochonica, 5-1 Minizen Lass, 7-1 Tobermory Boy, Needwood Nut, 10-1 Chaplins Club, 12-1 Major Ivor, 14-1 The Devil's Music, 16-1 others.

1987: GOLDEN ANCONA 4-8-12 M Birch (11-4) M H Easterby 11 ran

4.20 GEORGE FORDHAM CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,959) (10 runners)

3	(9)	00	KING TOH-TOH 10 (T Melki) N Callaghan 9-1	W Newnes	—
5	(8)	203	FALCON FLIGHT 13 (J Thompson) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll	82
6	(3)	000	GLASTONDALE 11 (F H Lee) F H Lee 9-0	A Culhane (3)	—
7	(4)	00	HIGH TENDER 16 (C Murphy) C Tinkler 9-0	M Birch	—
8	(7)	0	NEXT JET 56 (R Mayze) M Jarvis 9-0	S Cauthen	—
13	(1)	0	ECONOLOFT 27 (R Cottam) G Moore 8-11	—	—
16	(10)	211	NIGHTSTALKER 6 (F) (Maj J Bower) P Haslam 8-10	T Williams	● 99
18	(5)	0	LION OF SYMMETRY 16 (C Cyzer) S Norton 8-9	J Lowe	—
19	(2)	0403	MICKELEEN 30 (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-9	S Perks	64
21	(6)	000	OLD GAFFER 24 (Mrs O Spann) F Durr 8-9	G Starkey	78

BETTING: 11-8 Nightstalker, 5-1 Next Jet, 6-1 Falcon Flight, 7-1 Old Gaffer, 8-1 King Toh-Toh, 10-1 Mickeleen, 12-1 High Tender, 16-1 others.

1987: PLANTATION 9-1 A Kimberley (7-4) M Stoute 3 ran

4.50 FRED ARCHER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,412: 2m) (7 runners)

4	(2)	000-41	TAILSPIN 25 (F) (Mrs S Larsson) B Hills 9-7	M Hills	● 99
5	(3)	41	TILEFOS 24 (F) (Mrs H Cambanis) H Cecil 9-3	S Cauthen	88
8	(1)	403-04	ALRAZZI 32 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-12	P D'Arcy	96
9	(5)	0-00100	MR TAYLOR 10 (F) (Taylors of Soham Ltd) H Collingridge 8-11	M Rimmer	93
14	(7)	0-00341	ALDRA BOND 18 (F) (M Johnson) G Moore 8-2	A Mackay	97
15	(6)	0-004	TERRASSEUR 24 (Lt Col R Warden) M H Easterby 8-2	J Lowe	98
21	(4)	001003	CALTON COLLEEN 15 (S) (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 7-12	A Proud	95

BETTING: 7-4 Tilefos, 2-1 Tailspin, 5-1 Aldra Bond, 7-1 Alrazzi, 10-1 Terrasseur, 16-1 Calton Colleen.

1987: AREA CODE 7-2 Dana Mellor (11-4) J Berry 6 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	25	53	47.2	S Cauthen	19	57	33.3
G Harwood	12	38	31.6	M Rimmer	3	11	27.3
L Cumani	6	26	23.1	R Cochrane	12	55	21.8
B Hills	16	74	21.6	G Carter	10	46	21.7
M Stoute	8	41	19.5	G Starkey	9	42	21.4
H Thomson Jones	6	34	17.6	M Hills	10	47	21.3

(Not including last night's results)

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin

6.45 Gorky Park. 7.10 Marionella. 7.35 Diaco. 8.5 Rouge Clover. 8.35 Green Flag. 9.5 Rapid Lad.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.45 Gorky Park. 7.10 Noble Habitat. 7.35 NISHILA (nap). 8.5 Family Pride. 8.35 Green Flag. 9.5 Whipp's Cross.

Going: firm (watering)
Draw: 5f, high numbers best

6.45 GRANDWAYS HOLDERNESS ROAD SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,423: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1	-303	CARBO BOOSTER 13 E Weymes 9-7	A Culhane (3) 8
4	0-00	SINFUL SECRET 41 P Makin 9-3	S Perks 2
5	0310	FORT JAMES 14 (B,D,F) D Morley 9-2	Rae Guest 11
6	0100	IVORDOLL 11 (B,D,G) K Bridgwater 9-2	P Barnard (5) 15
7	0-00	MOTTRAM'S GOLD 6 (S) M Brittain 9-0	A Munro (5) 16
9	0200	PRECIOUS MEMORIES 16 D Chapman 8-12	S Webster 6
10	-003	AFFORD 14 (B) M H Easterby 8-12	M Birch 1
11	0232	BIDDERS PRINCESS 15 (V) R Whitaker 8-12	Dean McKeown 7
14	2002	GORKY PARK 8 P Haslam 8-11	T Williams 3
16	000	MISS DIRECT 27 D Chapman 8-9	S Wood (5) 13
17	00-0	ANN BOLEYN 60 M Ryan 8-7	N Gwilliams (7) 10
18	0000	FRENCH RESISTANCE 262 B Stevens 8-5	D Mckay 14
19	0000	HERMAN MUNSTER 18 (B) J Norton 8-5	M Wood 9
20	0042	MAISON BLEU 10 (B) B McMahon 8-5	A Mackay 4
22	0020	PERSIAN JOY 4 K Stone 8-4	G Carter 12
27	-000	ARDEN GROVE 14 Miss L Siddall 7-13	L Charnock 5

4-1 Gorky Park, 5-1 Bidders Princess, 6-1 Afford, 8-1 Precious Memories, Fort James, 10-1 Sinful Secret, Maison Bleu.

7.10 EBF GRANDWAYS BOOTHFERRY PARK GRADUATION RACE (2-Y-O: £1,341: 5f) (7)

1	001	YUNO WHEN 10 (B,D,F) J Etherington 9-5	K Darley 1
2	31	HEEMEE 16 (CD,F) P Blockley 9-0	W Ryan 7
3	12	NOBLE HABITAT 7 (D,F) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 3
11	0	SUNNY JORVIK 16 M Brittain 8-12	A Munro (5) 5
14	4	ECHO CHAMBER 28 M Tompkins 8-7	G Carter 2
15		ENCHANTING MELODY M W Easterby 8-7	L Charnock 4
17	0	MARIONELLA 8 M H Easterby 8-7	M Birch 6

7-4 Noble Habitat, 7-2 Echo Chamber, 4-1 Marionella, 6-1 Heemee, 8-1 Yuno When, 12-1 others.

7.35 GRANDWAYS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,142: 1m 100yd) (5)

3	-321	NISHILA 20 (D,F) M Stoute 9-7	W R Swinburn 2
4	01-	RECONNAISSANCE 315 (S) H Cecil 9-3	S Cauthen 5
6	0430	NEBULA WAY 14 J Dunlop 9-2	G Duffield 1
7	0843	DIACO 9 (G) R Hollinshead 9-1	S Perks 4
17	1100	MAY OVER 10 (CD,F,G) B McMahon 7-13	A Mackay 3

2-1 Nebula Way, 5-2 Reconnaissance, 11-4 Nishila, 7-1 May Over, 10-1 Diaco.

8.5 GRANDWAYS NORWOOD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,367: 1m 4f) (11)

4	0004	DON GIULIO 21 (B) J Dunlop 9-0	G Duffield 2
5	42	FAMILY PRIDE 13 (BF) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen 5
7	3	HOWJAL 24 M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn 11
9	00	KALEIDOSCOPE 254 W Jarvis 9-0	M Birch 10
12	2	KINGSIZE 16 C Brittain 9-0	W Ryan 5
13	-423	LATE CUT 19 E Eldin 9-0	A Mackay 3
17	0-40	MILITARY HONOUR 35 B Hills 9-0	M Hills 6
22	0-00	QUIET ACHIEVER 11 C Brittain 9-0	R Hills 4
24		ROUGE CLOVER G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey 1
28	30	BLUE AND WHITE 45 S Norton 8-11	J Lowe 3
31	03	GLINT OF PEARL 13 N Callaghan 8-11	NON-RUNNER

11-8 Family Pride, 9-2 Howjal, 6-1 Military Honour, 7-1 Rouge Clover, Kingsize, 10-1 Late Cut, 12-1 others.

8.35 GRANDWAYS COTTINGHAM STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,804: 7f 100yd) (4)

3	12	GREEN FLAG 30 (BF,S) H Cecil 9-1	S Cauthen 3
5	1	STERLING ACE 11 (D,F) G Harwood 9-1	G Starkey 1
25	40	YEARSLEY 14 M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch 2
26	40	MRS TWEED 8 M H Easterby 8-1	G Brown 4

4-5 Green Flag, 6-4 Sterling Ace, 12-1 Yearsley, 20-1 Mrs Tweed.

9.5 GRANDWAYS HESSLE HANDICAP (£2,232: 1m 2f) (14)

5	20-0	LINPAC MAPLELEAF 11 W Elsey 5-9-10	A Munro (5) 11
6	-300	WHIPP'S CROSS 32 G Wragg 3-9-10	M Hills 5
9	3-00	URRAY ON HARRY 28 (G) R Hollinshead 4-9-9	S Perks 12
11	000	EVER WELCOME 26 J Dunlop 3-8-9	G Duffield 1
12	4000	CAMMAC LAD 21 (B,G) C Tinkler 4-9-8	M Birch 8
13	D002	RAPID LAD 11 (CD,F,G,S) J Spearing 10-9-5	S Cauthen 4
19	-011	NOT YET 10 (CD,F,G) E Weymes 4-9-3 (6ex)	A Culhane (3) 7
20	3000	WAHSHIYA 17 (B) H Thomson Jones 3-9-1	R Hills 13
21	-124	KIRKBY FLYER 11 (BF,F) R Whitaker 4-9-1	Dean McKeown 9
24	1240	MAYSPARK 43J (B,CD,F) W Haigh 4-9-0	J Quinn (5) 2
25	-013	ICHI BAN SON 20 (CD,F,G) A Smith 4-8-13	R P Elliott 3
27	-301	GODS LAW 4 (C,F,G) Mrs G Reveley 7-9-0 (5ex)	J Carr (5) 8
28	0-00	ELARIM 11 (CD,F,G) T Fairhurst 9-8-7	K Brownsword (7) 14
32	00-0	MISS BLAKE 17 M Brittain 5-7-10	S Maloney (7) 10

9-2 Rapid Lad, 11-2 Not Yet, 6-1 Kirkby Flyer, 7-1 Gods Law, 10-1 Ichi Ban Son, Mayspark, 12-1 Whipp's Cross.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 13 winners from 25 runners, 52.0%; H Thomson Jones, 8 from 28, 28.6%, P Makin, 4 from 14, 28.6%; B Hills, 6 from 24, 25.0%, M Stoute, 9 from 33, 25.7%; G Harwood, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 15 winners from 66 rides, 22.7%; G Starkey, 3 from 14, 21.4%; R P Elliott, 8 from 59, 13.6%, M Birch, 28 from 209, 13.4%; G Carter, 6 from 48, 12.5%; M Hills, 6 from 52, 11.5%.

Yesterday's results

Brighton

Going: firm (last 6f, good to firm)

2.0 (6f) 1, ASSOCIATION (G Starkey, 6-4 fav); 2, Break The Mould (Pat Eddery, 7-1); 3, Hidden Reserve (J Reid, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Little Lolita (4th), 14 Bally Flame (5th). 5 ran. 6l, 1l, 4l, not recorded. F Durr at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.20. DF: £6.50. CSF: £9.36.

2.30 (7f) 1, GREY RUM (A McGlone, 7-2); 2, Mascalls Girl (M Roberts, 7-2); 3, Space Lab (T Quinn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav May Pin (4th), 7 Diamond Tip (5th), 20 Oh My Oh My (6th), 50 Kensal Town. 7 ran. NR: Dyted. 5l, ¾l, 2½l, 4l, 4l. W Pearce at Hambleton. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £2.50. DF: £7.50. CSF: £14.38. Bought in 3,900gns.

3.0 (1m) 1, SAND-DOLLAR (W Carson, 2-1 fav: Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Irgaim (M Roberts, 9-2); 3, Beechwood Cottage (Pat Eddery, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Gilderdale (4th), 10 Tufty Lady (5th). 5 ran. NR: Pinctada. ¾l, 3l, 10l, 2l. Sir M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £2.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.56.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, WATERLOW PARK (M Marshall, 2-1); 2, Henryk (M Gallagher, 5-1); 3, Storm Force (J Reid, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Fallig (5th), 33 Talus (4th). 5 ran. ¾l, 12l, 12l, 10l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £2.80. DF: £6.90. CSF: £10.54.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1, RAFWAND (Pat Eddery, 7-4); 2, Sidary (G Starkey, 6-4 fav); 3, Stanhope (M Rimmer, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Fetoon (5th), 11 Le Cygne, 14 Charossa (4th), 16 Proposal (6th), 33 Incredible Lady. 8 ran. 3l, ½l, 4l, 7l, 1l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.30, £4.90. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.73.

4.30 (6f) 1, FERRYMAN (A Proctor, 8-1); 2, Sitex (R Street, 20-1); 3, Zillebeke (T Quinn, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Maiden Bidder (4th), 7-2 Major Jacko (6th), 13-2 Hatching (5th), 20 My Patricia. 7 ran. NR: Exert. Nk, sh hd, 1½, nk, nk. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £8.20; £3.00, £6.40. DF: £75.60. CSF: £81.65. Tricast: £414.44.

Placepot: £134.10.

Carlisle

Going: hard

1.45 (1m) 1, MAGIC AT DAWN (A Culhane, 9-2); 2, Mahib (R Hills, 11-10 fav); 3, Leading Guest (Paul Eddery, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Cresta Firework (4th), 25 Moshuganagh (6th), 33 Remainder Brae, 50 Spey Hawk (5th). 7 ran. 6l, sh hd, 10l, 10l, 5l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £5.90; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £9.44.

2.15 (1m) 1, GILDED YOUTH (N Connorton, 10-1); 2, Elegant Stranger (T Williams, 7-1); 3, Royal Language (J Lowe, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 85-40 fav Solar Bid (5th), 5 Bahrain Bridge, 13-2 Guilty Guest (4th), Puno, 14 Sospirando (5th), 25 Potato King, 33 Flying Steel. 10 ran. nk, sh hd, 2½l, ¾l, 1½l. J Watts at Richmond. Tote: £13.80; £4.10, £2.00, £5.40. DF: £44.30. CSF: £71.35. Tricast: £773.58.

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, FOUR STAR THRUST (Dean McKeown, 9-2); 2, Rasleam (R Cochrane, 4-5 fav); 3, Galloway Raider (L Charnock, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Samra (5th), 14 Regal Steel (4th). 5 ran. sh hd, 1½l, nk, 2l. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £5.60; £2.50, £1.10. DF: £2.70. CSF: £8.50.

3.15 (6f) 1, MISS ELLIE PEA (Dana Mellor, 9-4); 2, Livingstones Quest (T Williams, 8-13 fav); 3, Crasstal (A Culhane, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 12 Il Vero Podrino (4th), 33 Green Lonnen (5th). 5 ran. 2l, ½l, 8l, 25l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £1.20. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.09. Bought in 1,400gns.

3.45 (6f) 1, SHADEUX (M Beecroft, 13-8); 2, Serious Trouble (G Duffield, 6-4 fav); 3, Belfort Princess (J Lowe, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Hinari Disk Deck (4th), 25 Full Monty (5th), 33 Hot Star (6th). 6 ran. 1l, 1½l, 8l, nk, 25l. C Thornton at Middleham. Tote: £2.40; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.45.

4.15 (5f) 1, HENRY'S WOLFE (T Williams, 5-4 fav); 2, Halvoya (M Wigham, 2-1); 3, Oakes Day (Kim Tinkler, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 10 Shelly's Folly (5th), 33 Clare's Delight (4th). 5 ran. 3l, 4l, ½l, nk. P Haslam at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £3.80. CSF: £4.11.

Placepot: £8.50.

Wednesday's late results

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm

7.15 (1m 1f) 1, Mailman (Jane Holderness Roddam, 12-1); 2, Nero (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Gebitzl (14-1); 4, Forcello (20-1). Dawn Love 5-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. NR: Cimet. Nk, sh hd. I Balding. Tote: £19.20; £2.80, £1.40, £2.40, £3.50. DF: £31.90. CSF: £68.52. Tricast: £798.45.

7.45 (1m 1f) 1, Sky Conqueror (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2, My Lamb (6-1); 3, Niran (6-1). 10 ran. ½l, 1½l. O Douieb. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £9.80. CSF: £17.48. Tricast: £73.36.

8.15 (1m) 1, Kefaah (R Cochrane, 2-11 fav); 2, Literati (5-1); 3, Smokejack (33-1). 3 ran. 2½l, 30l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.33.

8.45 (6f) 1, Premier Lad (T Ives, 10-1); 2, Padre Pio (5-1 fav); 3, Bertie Wooster (11-1). 12 ran. 1l, 1½l. W Pearce. Tote: £11.50; £3.60, £1.50, £3.90. DF: £61.50. CSF: £54.21. Tricast: £511.96. After stewards' inquiry, result stood.

9.15 (1m 6f) 1, Go Forum (Pat Eddery, 11-4); 2, Beldale Star (5-2 fav); 3, Qannaas (11-4). 7 ran. NR: Royal Borough. ¾l, nk. J Sutcliffe. Tote: £2.80; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £4.60. CSF: £9.58. Tricast: £17.40.

Placepot: £32.10

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CRICKET: FINE SPELL BY PRINGLE MAKES THE CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS STRUGGLE WHILE AT TAUNTON IT IS A DAY OF THREE HUNDREDS

Cultured exhibition takes Waugh past 1,000 runs for June

By John Woodcock

TAUNTON: Glamorgan, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 42 runs ahead of Somerset

Waugh's customary hundred and Roebuck's first of the season raised the batting to unforeseen heights at Taunton yesterday. Together they had added 179 in 43 overs for Somerset's third wicket when, with 40 minutes left, Roebuck declared to improve the chances of a finish today. The reward for that was the immediate dismissal of Glamorgan's opening pair and shortly afterwards of a nightwatchman.

It would have seemed hardly possible before the match started, or as Glamorgan struggled to 66 for four on the first morning, that the pitch would so belie its extraordinary appearance. In the first five hours yesterday only three wickets fell while 333 runs were being scored.

In the morning even Watkin, who is really no batsman at all (he bowled quite promisingly) was able to help Holmes add 67 for Glamorgan's ninth wicket. Holmes was 53 when Watkin came in; when he went to his hundred 85 minutes later he gave Watkin a well-deserved pat on the back. Holmes had looked an excellent player; so, in a more studious way, did Roebuck. As for Waugh, his second 50 was positively brilliant.

Roebuck's was his first championship innings since he had his left wrist broken in the nets on May 20. It quite often helps to have a mid-season breather, even an enforced one. On the other hand I suppose if Roebuck had made not one hundred but three or four by now, he just might have caught the selectors' eye. Whether, with his mighty intellect, he could have worked out how to play the West Indian fast bowlers, as he has those who make up the county scene, might just have been thought worth discovering.

After a nasty lifter had accounted for Hardy, and a nice low slip catch for Wyatt, Roebuck and Waugh were soon providing an object lesson to any young on the ground as to how to run between wickets. Waugh, of course, is in prime form — and like that other Somerset batsman, whom he so resembles, Greg Chappell, he is an effortless judge of a run.

In all competitions in June he scored 1,046 runs for Somerset, 750 of them in the championship at an average of 125. Yesterday's was his sixth hundred of the month, four of them first-class. His style is unassuming, his method orthodox, his hitting crisp, his footwork silent.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings	
A R Butcher c Marks b Rose	4
J A Hopkins b Foster	36
*H Morris c Burns b Marks	11
M P Maynard lbw b Foster	0
R J Shastri run out	20
G C Holmes not out	100
R C Ontong c Burns b Foster	17
J Derrick c Bartlett b Marks	0
†C P Metson c Burns b Foster	17
S L Watkin not out	15
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 1, nb 16)	32
Total (8 wkts dec, 99.2 overs)	252

S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-56, 3-56, 4-66, 5-112, 6-138, 7-141, 8-185.

BOWLING: Jones 14.2-1-48-0; Mallender 21-8-33-0; Rose 19-7-40-1; Foster 23-5-72-4; Marks 20-5-43-2; Roebuck 2-1-1-0.

Second Innings	
A R Butcher run out	2
J A Hopkins b Foster	0
*H Morris not out	5
†C P Metson c Hardy b Mallender	1
M P Maynard not out	26
Extras (w 1, nb 1)	2
Total (3 wkts)	36

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-3.

SOMERSET: First Innings	
J J E Hardy c Morris b Barwick	12
*P J Roebuck not out	112
J G Wyatt c Hopkins b Derrick	6
S R Waugh not out	101
Extras (b 5, lb 3, nb 4)	12
Total (2 wkts dec, 69.2 overs)	243

R J Bartlett, V J Marks, †G D Rose, N A Mallender, A N Jones and D J Foster did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-64.

BOWLING: Barwick 17-2-51-1; Watkin 20-3-57-0; Derrick 14-2-58-1; Shastri 15-0-49-0; Ontong 3.2-0-20-0.

Bonus points: Somerset 5, Glamorgan 3.

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead.

Waugh: all elegance and hundreds in recent weeks for Somerset

Miller's fine day in field halts Kent's progress

By Jack Bailey

CANTERBURY: Kent, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 109 runs behind Essex

It may be that only some imaginative manipulation will ensure a result, but Kent's place on the championship pinnacle was looking distinctly wobbly at the end of the rain-interrupted day. Two decisive thrusts: one by Pringle, the other from Miller, who had a veritable field-day, yielded the prospect of a handsome first-innings advantage for Essex.

At one time, early in the day, with Ward and Taylor at the helm, Kent had looked in full command. Ward had ridden his luck and played some fine forcing strokes in his 70, and the opening partnership had sliced 109 from the 330-run deficit with which Kent had started the day. They then lost nine wickets in scoring another 100 runs.

The rot was begun by Pringle, who removed Ward, Hinks and Tavaré in the space of five balls without conceding a run. It was a fine, aggressive spell of seam bowling and, suddenly, Essex, seemingly condemned to a routine day of leather chasing, were charged with an altogether different mission. Miller had taken an excellent, low slip catch to dispose of Hinks, and now he took over as spearhead of the attack.

In a marathon spell of 33 overs, before a thunderstorm swept the St Lawrence ground, he probed away. Of his four wickets, three were taken during a second Kent landslide, which saw them slip from 207 for five to 209 for nine. In only eight balls, Miller took three wickets for one run. He had also taken another low slip catch to dispose of Taylor, the day's highest scorer with 77.

As the only Essex spinner on a pitch taking some turn, Miller had seized his chances, like his slip catches, with both hands. At the same time, there was much to admire in the batting of Ward, Taylor and, while shoring up his fragile tail, Chris Cowdrey.

Ward made you blink in disbelief at the audacity of some of his strokes off the Essex quick bowlers. His previous highest score for Kent had been 29, he had been summoned from a Second XI match at Ilford on the first morning of this one, and here he was, treating the bowling of Foster and Lever with a confidence bordering on disdain.

His 70 came from just 96 balls and it was only when he seemed to realize how near he was to scoring a hundred that he put up the shutters — with fatal results for him, and to the detriment of Kent.

ESSEX: First Innings 330 (A R Border 169).

KENT: First Innings	
N R Taylor c Miller b Foster	77
T R Ward lbw b Pringle	70
S G Hinks c Miller b Pringle	0
C J Tavaré c Brown b Pringle	0
R F Pienaar lbw b Miller	20
G R Cowdrey st Brown b Miller	13
*C S Cowdrey not out	34
†S A Marsh st Brown b Miller	0
R M Ellison b Miller	0
C Penn b Lever	1
R P Davis not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 4)	5
Total (9 wkts, 89 overs)	221

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109, 2-109, 3-109, 4-152, 5-175, 6-206, 7-208, 8-208, 9-209.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Essex 7.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and K J Lyons.

Warwicks lose the advantage

NUNEATON: Warwickshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 85 runs ahead of Lancashire

Gladstone Small, the fast bowler who was not thought to be fit enough for the Old Trafford Test match, bowled 29 overs and took three for 59 as Warwickshire bowled out Lancashire for 213

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 234 (A J Moles 115; A N Hayhurst 4 for 45).

Second Innings	
A C Storie not out	30
A J Moles c Mendis b Watkinson	17
D A Thorne c Hegg b Akram	3
†G W Humpage b Akram	8
P A Smith c Fowler b Watkinson	3
T A Munton not out	0
Extras (w 2, nb 1)	3
Total (4 wkts)	64

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-32, 3-44, 4-55.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings	
G D Mendis c Humpage b Merrick	27
G Fowler c Thorne b Munton	31
†W K Hegg b Small	13
T E Jesty c Gifford b Munton	12
N H Fairbrother c Thorne b Merrick	46
A N Hayhurst b Munton	1
M Watkinson c Humpage b Munton	11
*D P Hughes not out	23
Wasim Akram b Small	22
P J W Allott lbw b Small	2
J Simmons lbw b Smith	2
Extras (lb 12, w 4, nb 7)	23
Total (81 overs)	213

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-69, 3-85, 4-97, 5-112, 6-156, 7-158, 8-186, 9-192.

BOWLING: Small 26-7-59-3; Merrick 29-7-86-2; Munton 25-5-55-4; Smith 1-0-1-1

Bonus points: Warwickshire 6, Lancashire 6.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and D O Oslear.

Familiar test for Yorkshire batsmen after Slack excels

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S: Yorkshire, with all their second-innings wickets in hand, are 196 runs behind Middlesex

Yorkshire's batsmen have known no end of being put to the test this season, and it is their lot again. Yesterday, Middlesex painstakingly built up an impregnable lead, chiefly through a century by Wilf Slack and a promising innings of 86 by Jamie Sykes.

This was Slack's first century of the season in what was his fifth championship match since recovering from collapsing at Grace Road in May. It was an innings of shots all round the wicket, lasting in all for 347 minutes. It included 19 fours, one of which was all run and took him to his century.

He had made 99 when rain drove the players off the field for the first of two stoppages which lopped 43 overs off the day's play. Slack had nothing if not a phlegmatic temperament, and, upon resumption placed a drive wide of cover as he had been doing all morning. There were plenty of straight drives too, and some felicitous leg glances.

As for the pitch, which has a worn appearance and is well over to the grandstand side of the square, it played better than on Wednesday. Resuming on 171 for three, Middlesex soon lost Brown and Hutchinson to catches at the wicket — by Robinson rather than Bairstow, who had damaged a finger on his left hand. He will bat today if necessary.

Slack was then joined by Sykes who, befitting someone who has been opening the county's second XI batting, was almost sniffing the ball when he played forward defensively. He did have some luck, being dropped at first slip on 10 and at mid-wicket on 52. He also gave a straightforward chance when on 56.

This was his highest championship score. Like others before him, he was helped on his way in first-class cricket by having had the opportunity to play at Fenner's, and made the most of it by scoring a century. Aged 22, he also bowls off breaks, or at least he does when Emburey is not playing.

The new ball was taken after the second stoppage — once Peter Wight had fetched it from the pavilion. Shaw then bowled Sykes. It was an opportune moment for Middlesex to declare but they kept going until the end of their innings, which left Yorkshire with just two overs to bat.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 187

Second Innings	
I G Swallow not out	5
D Byas not out	0
Total (no wkt)	5

A A Metcalfe, P E Robinson, S N Hartley, †D L Bairstow, *P Carrick, A Sidebottom, P J Hartley, C Shaw and S D Fletcher to bat.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings	
W N Slack c Robinson b P J Hartley	144
J D Carr c Bairstow b Fletcher	30
M A Roseberry lbw b Fletcher	0
*R O Butcher lbw b Shaw	22
†K R Brown c Robinson b Fletcher	39
I J F Hutchinson c Robinson b Sidebottom	7
J F Sykes b Shaw	86
S P Hughes not out	18
A R C Fraser c Byas b Shaw	7
N G Cowans b Fletcher	2
W W Daniels b Shaw	0
Extras (b 9, lb 10, w 1, nb 13)	33
Total	388

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-44, 3-91, 4-176, 5-190, 6-334, 7-367, 8-379, 9-387.

BOWLING: Sidebottom 18-6-51-1; Fletcher 22-0-108-4; P J Hartley 19-3-75-1; Shaw 22.3-3-54-4; Carrick 20-4-55-0; Swallow 8-1-26-0.

Score after 100 overs: 341 for 6.

Bonus points: Middlesex 8, Yorkshire 4.

Umpires: P B Wight and R A White.

Other match

ALDERSHOT: Combined Services 201 for 9 dec (Germain 56) and 135 for 6 dec (Barrett 69 not out); Oxford University 130 (M J Kilborn 60, M Turner 5 for 33) and 114 for 9 (M Turner 5 for 45). Drawn.

India to insist on SA isolation

From Javed Akhtar
Bombay

India believes that all countries should sever sporting links with South Africa in the true spirit of the Gleneagles Agreement. This is going to be the stand of the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) representatives at the International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting in London on Monday and Tuesday.

The former BCCI president, N. K.P. Salve, was unequivocal in his pronouncement when contacted over the phone at his Delhi residence. "India's stand is going to be categorical. We should not have any sporting links with South Africa."

Salve, who was a member of the Select Committee on South Africa which drafted the two resolutions to be taken up at the ICC meeting, allayed fears that England and Australia might use the veto power at their discretion as founder members of the ICC to scuttle the resolution: "They can't do it, the Select Committee was appointed according to the constitution of the ICC.

Jefferies strikes four times to recapture the initiative

By Richard Streeton

GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, lead Hampshire by 97 runs

Robin Smith batted with command and panache to make 141 not out yesterday as Hampshire revelled in the improved conditions brought by sunny, humid weather. The pitch was flat and dry, the outfield fast and the Gloucestershire bowlers were made to work harder than they could have expected after events earlier in the festival.

By tea Hampshire had secured maximum batting points for the first time this season and felt duty-bound to declare if the match was to be kept open. In fact, the day's pattern altered dramatically when Jefferies, the left-arm South African pace bowler, made a telling thrust by taking four for 16 in 32 balls before Athey and Curran stood firm.

Gloucestershire began with almost indecent haste before Jefferies replaced Andrew. In rapid succession Stovold and Wright edged outswingers and were caught; Romaines mistimed a pull to square-leg and Bainbridge was bowled by a ball that broke his leg stump.

In the morning Hampshire, resuming at 15 for two, soon lost Connor, but Maru, their other nightwatchman, stayed with Smith as 153 runs were added in 39 overs. After Maru was out Turner shared another three-figure stand with Smith, who batted chancelessly for four hours.

Smith has had an uneven season, but looked at his best now as he brought his powerful forearms into play to drive forcefully through the covers. Most of his 17 fours came on the off side, but he also worked the ball effortlessly in other directions and collected 45 singles.

Maru, of course, was the bigger surprise as he improved his previous best career score of 62, gained three years ago in similar circumstances. He has always ranked high among nightwatchmen for determination and apparently enjoys the job.

What was surprising was that Maru kept pace with Smith throughout their stand and anybody not knowing him would have assumed he was an accredited batsman.

Lawrence was punished for 40 runs in his last four overs before he went off with a minor Achilles tendon problem, which, however, is not expected to prevent him bowling today. When Lloyds began a three-hour spell, Maru pulled him over mid-wicket for six. He had also hit nine fours before he top-edged a sweep against the off-spinner and was caught at square leg.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 307 for 9 dec (R C Russell 72, J R Ayling 4 for 57).

Second Innings	
A W Stovold c Parks b Jefferies	37
A J Wright c Maru b Jefferies	16
P W Romaines c Turner b Jefferies	4
C W J Athey not out	17
*P Bainbridge b Jefferies	8
K M Curran not out	16
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (4 wkts)	105

J W Lloyds, †R C Russell, D V Lawrence, T M Alderman and K B S Jarvis to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-62, 3-65, 4-73.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings	
V P Terry c Athey b Lawrence	4
C L Smith b Lawrence	9
R Maru c Athey b Lloyds	74
C A Connor lbw b Lawrence	8
R A Smith not out	141
D R Turner not out	64
Extras (b 1, lb 10, nb 4)	15
Total (4 wkts dec, 90 overs)	315

*M C J Nicholas, J Ayling, S T Jefferies, †R J Parks and S J W Andrew did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-15, 3-25, 4-178.

BOWLING: Lawrence 9-2-45-3; Alderman 12-4-34-0; Jarvis 18-1-72-0; Curran 8-3-26-0; Lloyds 30-5-91-1; Bainbridge 10-2-21-0; Athey 3-0-15-0.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 5, Hampshire 8.

Umpires: B Dudleston and D R Shepherd.

PEAKS RACE

Experienced runners take third position

By a Special Correspondent

With the first and second places easily secured in the Fjallraven Three Peaks Race by Queen Anne's Battery and Timex Merseybeat, there was a terrific battle for third prize as much as 24 hours after the arrival of the winner.

The catamaran, Universal Alien, arrived at Corpach, Fort William, in third place but only 13 minutes ahead of Memec and Chips with Ben Nevis still to be climbed.

Memec's experienced runners, John McIllmurray and Jeff Shaw, beat the runners from Universal Alien by 19 minutes to clinch third position by only six minutes after more than a four-day sail.

LEADING FINISHERS: 1, Queen Anne's Battery, 3days 4hr 39min; 2, Timex Merseybeat, 3:23.17; 3, Memec and Chips, 4:4.44; 4, Universal Alien, 4:4.50; 5, Welcome Manne, 4:5.05; 6, Two Hoots, 4:5.26.

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Bakewell in England return

By Cathy Harris

Enid Bakewell, who last played Test cricket for England in 1982, is the startling inclusion in an England XI announced yesterday to play a trial match at Worcester on Sunday.

The match is one of several arranged by the selectors to help them choose the squad for the World Cup, which starts in Australia in November. If Bakewell, aged 47, is selected for the tour, it is thought that she will become the oldest player ever to represent England.

Her brilliant Test career began in 1968, and, as an attacking opening bat and a crafty left-arm spinner, she scored 1,153 runs and took 118 wickets on her first tour. There was a special feature about her in the 1971 edition of *Wisden*, and she remains the only women cricketer to have ever been so honoured by the publication.

The energetic Bakewell, a mother of three and a trained physical education teacher, was elected a Labour councillor for Annesley Woodhouse last year. Although she has continued to play county cricket since being dropped from the national side, her new political career involves her in time-consuming community activities.

Bakewell's outstanding achievements this season include a top score of 154 in a league game and 77 not out against the powerful Yorkshire team.

The recall of the diminutive Bakewell, is, in reality, a sad reflection of the parlous plight of the women's game. But Bakewell says she relishes the challenge and is looking forward to pressing for her place.

Surrey's prolific opening bat, Janette Brittin, has been chosen to lead the England XI following the surprising resignation of Carol Hodges, who captained side in the two series against India and Australia.

ENGLAND XI: J Brittin (Surrey, capt), J Powell, J Aspinall, L Burnley, C Cooke, S Metcalfe, A Stinson, C Taylor (all Yorkshire), E Bakewell (East Midlands), J Court (Middlesex), S Kitson (East Anglia).

THE REST: K Hicken (East Midlands, captain), C Hodges (Lancashire and Cheshire), C Barrs, P Lovell (Surrey), J Chamberlain, W Watson (both East Midlands), L Nye (Kent), V Oliver (Sussex), S Potter (West), G Smith (Yorkshire), A Starling (Middlesex).

Second XI results

NORTHAMPTON: Middlesex 153 and 167 for 1 (A Needham 94, M Ramprakash 52 not out); Northamptonshire 325 (D J Wild 84).

TODMORDEN: Yorkshire 252 for 9 dec (J D Love 80; D Makinson 4 for 81); Lancashire 212 for 3 (I D Austin 57 not out, J Abrahams 55 not out).

ILFORD: Essex 255 (K Butler 71; M D Harman 6 for 66) and 134 for 8 (M D Harman 4 for 51); Kent 153 (V J Wells 59 not out; A K Golding 4 for 24, T D Topley 4 for 40).

LEICESTER: Nottinghamshire 307 for 7 dec (D J R Martindale 122 not out, R J Evans 63) and 33 for 1; Leicestershire 270 (N Smith 96 not out; K P Evans 5 for 49, C L Cairns 4 for 75).

HORSHAM: Warwickshire 209 and 169 (S J S Kimber 4 for 50); Sussex 110 (A A Donald 5 for 41, J Benjamin 5 for 61) and 18 for 1.

ROWING: ROYAL REGATTA'S SECOND DAY PRODUCES SOME CLASSIC RACING

Champions defend the Goblet

By Jim Railton

Last year at Henley Royal Regatta, Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes beat the Soviet Union's world champion Pimdnov brothers after a re-row, and the exhilaration in winning the Silver Goblet was such that they punched their fists into the air and waved to spectators down the course.

Such behaviour does not go down very well, but afterwards Holmes and Redgrave went on to make a brave attempt at a world championship double of coxless and coxed pair in Copenhagen. Over the same weekend, they finished with a gold in the coxless pairs and a silver medal in coxed pairs. That is class rowing.

It is to be hoped that the Royal Regatta will give Redgrave and Holmes the respect they deserve this year, because they are the shop window of the sport in Britain.

This talented duo have had their ups and downs this season: a virus laid them low and last week Holmes displaced a rib. Next weekend, Redgrave and Holmes face the world's best at Lucerne, where they aim to contest the coxed pairs.

They could have taken the soft option out and not competed at all at Henley this week. But they should be applauded for their respect for this important regatta on the upper Thames, as yesterday evening they embarked on their defence of the Silver Goblet. "I am not going to hand away a Henley medal as easily as that," Holmes, who has won many, said yesterday before he and Redgrave beat Peter Hovey and Dane Radack, from the Union Boat Club of Boston, easily in first round.

It was a day of some classic races and finishes, and more will follow today.

Goldie were the unluckiest crew in the Ladies Challenge Plate, when they were storming through against Florida Institute of Technology before an equipment failure finished their hopes.

A particularly interesting race in the second round of the Ladies' Challenge Plate between Argonaut Rowing Club, of Canada and University College, Galway, who had six of last year's Thames Challenge Cup victors on board, the race umpired by Thomi Keller, the president of the International Rowing Federation.

The Irish went out in a desperate mood, while Argonauts settled in a steady state. After leading to the Barrier, the Irish began to fade, and slowly but surely the Canadians overhauled their opponents to win by half a length.

The Argonauts are celebrating their centenary this year. Today they meet a select crew in the Tideway Scullers, with many international medal winners on board, so the champagne might need to be kept on ice.

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RESULTS FROM HENLEY

Ladies' Plate

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University College, Cork bt Kingston A, ¾l, 6.54.

Trinity College, Dublin bt Downing College, Cambridge, 3½l, 7.05

Brasenose College, Oxford bt Quintin, 1½l, 7.15.

University College, Oxford bt Nottingham and Union, ¾l, 6.47

Tideway Scullers' School bt Pomfret School (US), ¾l, 7.02.

Furnivall bt Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1⅓, 7.08.

Oxford Polytechnic bt City of Oxford, ½l, 7.07.

London bt University College, Dublin, ¾l, 7.01.

Marlow bt Henley, 3l, 7.03.

Clonmel (Ire) bt Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 1½l, 7.11.

1st and 3rd Trinity, Cambridge bt Bedford B, 1¾l, 7.19.

St Thomas's Hospital bt Belfast, 2½l, 7.28.

Thames A bt Lea, 2¾l, 7.27.

Wyfold Cup

University of London bt Marlow, 4¾l, 7min 20sec.

Star and Arrow bt Staines, 2¼l, 7.28.

Nautilus bt DSR Laga (Neth), 3¾l, 7.34.

Leander bt Nottinghamshire County, 2¾l, 7.09.

Nottinghamshire County A bt Imperial College B, ¾l, 7.09.

Thames Tradesmen A bt Lea A, 2l, 7.19.

Walton bt Horseferry, 2½l, 8.10.

Imperial College A bt Nottingham and Union, 1¼l, 7.58.

Double Sculls Cup

N F L Pepper (Metropolitan Police) and R A Phelps (London) bt C F Williams and B Thompson (Tideway Scullers' School), nro, 8min 15sec.

T Welling and F Tibo (Koblenzer Rhenania) bt R J Prince and A Shilling (Walbrook), 3¾l, 8.08.

J Rich and A Young (Wallingford) bt A M Spracklen and N Spencer-Jones (Marlow), 2l, 8.04.

A C Rudkin (Tideway Scullers' School) and A P S Kittermaster (Barclays Bank) bt R C Luke (Llandaff) and C Skuse (Gloucester), 1l, 7.40.

M C G Justicz and D R M Justicz (Stourport) bt M R Hayes and P C Wensley (Kingston), 4¾l, 8.06.

G P R Reddin and I G P Pritchard (Thames) bt D Cave and H A J Maltby (Bedford), easily, 8.02.

A N Graham and J West (Molesey) bt J Fairley and N H K Smith (Aberdeen University), easily, 8.09.

Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Cup

J Billowes and J Wilkinson (Agecroft) bt P J Ibbotson (Ancholme) and G J Pratt (Newark), 3l, 8min 14sec.

S J Chirnald and A D J Butt (London) bt L J Fletcher and M J Clift (Hollingworth Lake), 3½l, 8.15.

T S Swinford and J P Riley (Penn Athletic, US) bt C J A Parker and C C Getch (Union, US), 2l, 8.35.

A P Carrington and M R J Knapp (Twickenham) bt E J Everett and J M Smith (King's School, Ely), 3l, 8.24.

J J Leyden and M P Horvat (University of Pennsylvania, US) bt H Morgan and L Morgan (Nottingham and Union), easily, 8.19.

P J Hope and S J O'Brien (Kingston) bt P W Layton and D B Layton (Cambridge '99), easily, 8.47.

D T Fogarty and M W Batten (Australian Institute for Sport, Aus) bt N P Smith and M S Smith (Staines), easily, 8.48.

A J Holmes and S G Redgrave (Leander) bt P C Hovey and D R Radack (Union, US), easily, 8.35.

Princess Elizabeth Cup

Emanuel School bt Radley College, 2½l, 6min 57sec.

Salisbury School (US) bt Brentwood College School (Can), 3¼l, 7.23.

Monmouth School bt Bedford School, 1½l, 7.16.

Diamond Sculls

M B Alloway (Tideway Scullers' School) bt N P Green (Christchurch), 3¾l, 8min 42sec.

A F Lafleur (Nottinghamshire County) bt J D M Scrivener (Lea), easily, 8.31.

G H McGlashan (Melbourne University, Aus) bt I Law (St Andrew), 3l, 8.42.

M J Harris (Nottinghamshire County) bt F Merban (Igor-Offenbach, WG), easily, 8.34.

M S J Chmiel (Thames Tradesmen) bt M F Deards (Star), easily, 8.51.

M Pollecutt (Thames Tradesmen) bt R Henderson (Lea), ¾l, 8.18.

A H Sudduth (Harvard University, US) bt G J Pratt (Newark), easily, 8.46.

F Tibo (Koblenzer Rhenania) bt S C Collins (London), easily, 9.32.

Visitors' Cup

Reading University bt Harvard University, 3¾l, 7min 27sec.

Goldie bt King's School, Chester, 1¾l, 7.37.

Imperial College, London A bt Tulane University (US), easily, 7.32.

University of London A bt Syracuse University (US), 4¾l, 7.37.

University of London B bt Princeton University (US), 5l, 8.08.

Durham University bt Trinity College, Dublin, 2l, 7.53.

Isis bt Lady Margaret, Cambridge, 1½l, 7.50.

Emanuel School *bt Royal Military Academy*, Sandhurst, 2¾l, 7.48.

Britannia Cup

University of London bt Star and Arrow, 3½l, 7min 24sec.

Maidenhead bt Kingston, 2l, 7.33.

St Michael's (Ire) bt Vesta, ¾l, 7.41.

Walton bt City of Oxford, 4¾l, 7.42.

Belfast bt Thames Tradesmen, 1½l, 7.32.

Isis A bt Grosvenor, 5l, 7.47.

Leander bt Lea B, 1¾l, 7.52.

Lea A bt University College, Cork, 4¾l, 8.04.

Queen Mother Cup

Tideway Scullers' School bt Agecroft, 3¾l, 7min 27sec.

Wallingford and Upper Thames ro *Tideway Scullers' School and Barclays Bank*, scr.

Prince Philip Cup

Syracuse Chargers (US) bt St Paul's School, Concord (US), easily, 7min 54sec.

Potomac (US) bt Baltimore (US), 1¾l, 7.54.

Doubling up

Sebastian Coe plans to compete twice in the space of five days, in London and Ireland, in his build up to the Olympic Games. First he will run in the Peugeot Talbot games at Crystal Palace on July 8.

MINOR CRICKET

Mynett a hit at home

Club and village cricket by Mike Berry

Yorkshire interest in this season's Cockspur Cup, the national club championship so often dominated by **Scarborough**, has been left in the hands of **Kirkburton and Barnsley**.

Kirkburton, from the Huddersfield league, opted for the long handle to overcome **East Bierley** in a richly competitive regional final that yielded over 500 runs.

Parker made 97 of East Bierley's 276 for four, but Kirkburton had two overs and four wickets to spare at the end, their familiarity with their compact home ground exploited by Mynett, their big-hitting wicketkeeper, who made an unbeaten 134.

Barnsley, with Oldham, the Yorkshire coach and club captain playing a key role with the ball, beat ***Sheffield Collegiate*** by five wickets.

***Wolverhampton* and Northampton Saints** will settle the fight for Midlands supremacy in the sixth round. Saints defeated **Leamington**, while Wolverhampton beat **Poynton**. Others through to the last 16 include **Trojans**, the curiously-named Eastleigh-based side, **Birkenhead Park**, **Shirehampton**, **Blackpool and Clydesdale**.

In the Hydro Village competition, **Toft**, the 1978 losing finalists, have withdrawn from this season's event after their victory over **Marchwiel**. Toft unknowingly fielded an ineligible player, following a change of rule that now stipulates that all players must have appeared for the club before the present season. Marchwiel were apparently alerted to the position by a newspaper cutting, and Toft, recognizing their guilt, conceded victory by default.

New coach

Lew Chatterley, the former Southampton coach, has joined the coaching staff at Reading.

Minor counties call on Folland and O'Brien

Nick Folland, the Devon batsman, and John O'Brien, a slow left-arm bowler from Cheshire, are to make their representative debuts for the Minor Counties against the West Indies at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10 (Mike Berry writes).

Folland scored 461 runs at 51.22 for Devon last season to finish tenth in the national batting averages. O'Brien took 31 championship wickets in 1987 and has also played a key role in Cheshire's successful start to this season.

MINOR COUNTIES XI: S G Plumb (Norfolk, capt), C J Stockdale (Cumberland), N A Folland (Devon), P R Oliver (Staffordshire), S Greensword (Durham), S Burrow (Buckinghamshire), M A Garnham (Cambridgeshire), S Turner (Cambridgeshire), R A Evans (Oxfordshire), W G Merry (Hertfordshire), J F M O'Brien (Cheshire).

EVENING RACING

Haydock Park

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TENNIS: MECIR FACES STRUGGLE IN BATTLE AGAINST A HEAVYWEIGHT

Proving that sport is people

Simon Barnes

Imagine, if you will, that singles had never been invented. That the game of tennis was doubles all the way: men's doubles, women's doubles, and of course, the particular delights of mixed doubles. That instead of worrying about the curtain-raising walkovers of the women's singles, and the inevitable progress of the various Bellamy-designated crash-bang-wallopers of the men's singles, we gave all the space and the television coverage to the four-handed battles.

The first certainty is that we would see better tennis. All forms of doubles are more subtle, more athletic, less predictible than singles. The rallies are longer, inevitably. There is more scope for the shifts and twists of fortune that always make the finest sporting occasions.

You have the added dimension of teamwork: the intuitive understanding not just of your opponent's next move but of your colleague's as well. The changes of formation in mid-rally, the delights of the intercept-volley, the rapier-thrust that splits the opposition: doubles has infinitely more variety than singles. It has all that singles can give us: and then all its own joys as a bonus.

Were there no such thing as singles, we would follow doubles with devotion: all the gossip of which pair is splitting up, which pair is striking up a new relationship, the effects of a winning or a losing streak on the relationship: oh, we could have just as fine a time writing about the off-court stuff as about the actual *tennis*.

For the best of doubles is quite unbelievable: those ridiculous rataplan, rataplan volleying duels, the impossible retrieves that, point after point, turn lost causes into victory. If you want a feast of racket-play and athleticism, then doubles, of either sex — or indeed, both — is the game.

Why, then, is singles the more popular? Simple: sport, professional sport, is not really about sport at all, or at least, not mostly. It is about personalities. What fascinates us most about sport is the way stress, the stresses of striving, of victory and of defeat, affects people.

Becker: power personified

This is true of team games, particularly when uncoloured by local or national partisanship: it was Gullit and van Basten that won the European football championship, was it not?

And tennis is a marvellous game for personalities: you can't fake it, no matter how hard you try. The essential sullenness and charmlessness of Pat Cash came over in vast waves during his singles match with Becker on Wednesday, despite the attempts he has been making all fortnight to woo his public and act the charmer in victory. He didn't throw too many headbands to the crowd after his drubbing, did he? And there is no escaping the power and exuberance of Becker, or the vulnerability and determination that co-exist in Lendl.

It is personality that packs them in at Wimbledon: the personalities that express themselves in singles. It is only in singles that the players stand before us stripped of the comfortable clothing of team-spirit, thrown back on their own reserves, naked. You can do all you can to blame line judges and crowd distractions, but each player knows in his heart there is only one person to blame for every defeat.

In singles you can watch the will of a player crumble in front of you: you can observe the self-belief leaking out of his, or her, game. A match may be scrappy and plagued by error: that doesn't have to make it dull. To watch a player dig a pit with unforced errors, and then to climb out, teeth clenched and punching the air: this is the very stuff of singles. More, it is the stuff of champions.

You would see better *tennis* on the court next door, the doubles in full swing with sparkling rallies and scintillating teamwork, but the spectacle every one wants is the champion dismantling and reassembling his personality in public.

We may all enjoy our favourite sport, and call it the beautiful game, and genuinely love all that the game offers. But the beauties, the tactical nuances, the breathtaking physical skills: this is not the real reason for the enduring fascination of sport. Were that so, doubles would be the most popular version of tennis. Instead, sport fascinates us with personalities: people in conflict, people under stress, people in ecstasy and despair. In doubles such things are diluted: singles gives them in full measure and few can resist.

Becker in the sort of form that will earn him title again

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

From the moment the draw was made, it has always seemed likely that the winner of the Wimbledon men's singles championship would emerge from the big hitters in the top half: probably from the quarter-final between the past two champions, Boris Becker and Pat Cash. Nothing has happened to change that assumption.

In the semi-finals Becker, aged 20, who was champion in 1985 and 1986 and who now looks a more mature player, will play Ivan Lendl, aged 28, runner-up for the past two years. Stefan Edberg, aged 22, who will be contesting a semi-final for the second consecutive year, will oppose an enchanting newcomer to Wimbledon's last four, Miloslav Mecir, aged 24. As boxers, all except Edberg (a light-heavyweight) would have to trade punches in the same weight class as Mike Tyson.

Lendl has won seven of his 10 previous matches with Becker, but in the only one played on grass (the 1986 Wimbledon final) was beaten in straight sets. Lendl has since become a better grass-court player and is beginning to look at ease in the forecourt. His straight-set win over Tim Mayotte was a performance of the highest class.

Unfortunately for Lendl, Becker has improved, too: and has yet to lose a set, whereas Lendl has lost five. Given the fact that Becker is the more natural grass-court player and is in cracking form, he has to be favoured unless his first service lets him down.

Edberg has twice been Australian champion on grass (though the Melbourne surface differs from Wimbledon's) and showed remarkable resilience in winning a five-set final against Cash at Kooyong 17 months ago. As a competitor he can be brittle. Much depends on his state of mind and his ability to convince Mecir, quickly, that on this particular day the fish are not biting.

Edberg leads Mecir 6-4, has won their last three matches, and is a far more natural grass-court player. Oddly, Mecir has won two of their three matches on grass, including a straight-set result at Wimbledon two years ago. Edberg, though, has since acquired a greater depth of self-belief.

Mecir advanced to the semi-finals of the Lipton tournament in March, but Wimbledon is his first grand prix event since April. A displaced disc has kept him out of action and for the time being he is in need of reassurance and wears a corset-like belt under his shirt.

There are two points to be made about Mecir. One, what a joy it is to see such a subtle craftsman doing so well on an alien surface — too fast to encourage an indulgence in the graces of the game. Two, Mecir's recent fitness problems have reduced the weight of expectation, helping him to relax and freely express his talent for deception.

On the other hand, Mecir's timing can go awry. He can almost make the ball talk, but without the use of spin that would increase his margin of safety. I expect Edberg to rush him into error and self-doubt. To go a stage further, I take Becker to beat Edberg in the final.

SEMI-FINAL LINE-UP

Boris Becker and Ivan Lendl have met 10 times; Lendl leads 7-3. Their career results have been:

Year	Tournament	Surface	Rnd	Score
1985	Indianapolis	clay	S	Lendl 5-7, 6-2, 6-2
1985	Tokyo	carpet	S	Lendl 6-3, 7-6
1985	Wembley	carpet	F	Lendl 6-7, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4
1985	Masters	carpet	F	Lendl 6-2, 7-6, 6-3
1986	Chicago	carpet	F	Becker 7-6, 6-3
1986	Wimbledon	grass	F	Becker 6-4, 6-3, 7-5
1986	Stratton Mountain	hard	F	Lendl 6-4, 7-6
1986	Sydney	hard	F	Becker 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-0
1986	Masters	carpet	F	Lendl 6-4, 6-4, 6-4
1987	Masters	carpet	1	Lendl 6-4, 6-7, 6-3

Stefan Edberg and Miloslav Mecir have met 10 times; Edberg leads 6-4. Their career results have been:

Year	Tournament	Surface	Rnd	Score
1983	Sydney	grass	2	Mecir 6-4, 6-3
1984	Cologne	hard	Q	Mecir 6-4, 6-3
1986	Wimbledon	grass	3	Mecir 6-4, 6-4, 6-4
1986	Davis Cup	clay	-	Edberg 6-4, 9-7
1987	Australian Open	grass	Q	Edberg 6-1, 6-4, 6-4
1987	Indian Wells	hard	Q	Edberg 4-6, 6-4, 6-2
1987	Lipton International	hard	Q	Mecir 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4
1987	Masters	carpet	2	Edberg 6-3, 6-3
1988	Rotterdam	carpet	F	Edberg 7-6, 6-2
1988	Davis Cup	carpet	-	Edberg 4-6, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 9-7

Mecir a law unto himself

By Richard Evans

It is easy to exaggerate when trying to pin-point what makes Miloslav Mecir tick. It is tempting to say that he likes to spend his life fishing and does not care very much about his tennis.

It is tempting because there is some truth in both statements but it is impossible to make categorical declarations about this moody, introspective man. He is an enigma to those who know as well as those who admire and puzzle over him from afar.

When I asked Pavel Slozil, a former Davis Cup colleague, if he had seen Mecir at Wimbledon yesterday, he replied: "No, he has probably flown home of the day."

In fact, Mecir was out at Aorangi Park, practising a few courts away from the next Swede in his sights, Stefan Edberg, but Slozil's humour was illuminating.

"You never know whether Miloslav wouldn't rather be at home with his wife and baby," Tomas Smid, his occasional doubles partner, was telling me during the Wirral Classic as Mecir happily wheeled the baby carriage around the players' hotel.

"If he didn't have them with him on tour, he wouldn't be able to concentrate on his tennis at all."

Smid did not enter for the Wimbledon doubles with Mecir because, when the sign-up deadline arrived during the French open, Tomas could not find him. "He'd left a telephone number at a farmhouse near where he had gone fishing in Czechoslovakia," Smid said.

"But when I tried to reach him, the woman who answered didn't know anything about him being a tennis player and said he had disappeared into the countryside days before. As he had been off the tour for weeks with his back problem, I could not risk signing him up for the doubles so I asked Guy Forget to play instead."

When Mecir did reappear, he had to be hurriedly put back in the draw at the Wirral because the tournament director, Mike Ross, had given him up as a lost cause.

Many people would have viewed his chances at Wimbledon in the same light after such casual preparation but the Slav's inherent feel for the game enabled him to overcome such handicaps.

It is more important for Mecir to be at peace with his surroundings and to be allowed to go about his business at his own pace, relying on the wise counsel of people he trusts, such as the former Wimbledon champion, Jan Kodes.

He will be desperately keen to win today because no one can have achieved as much as Mecir has in the game without a competitive engine driving him from within.

To that extent the languid facade – is misleading. But equally, defeat does not hurt him as much as it does most players.

"He is a contented man," Paul Svehlik said. Svehlik runs the Paris office of the Men's Tennis Council and can speak to Mecir in his own language.

"He likes his life in Czechoslovakia and you won't find him wanting to leave like some of his compatriots. The riches that are available to the top players in the game do not impress him very much. He has already made all the money he needs."

Win or lose today, Mecir's plans for the summer are unlikely to change very much. An exhibiton match; a tournament in Stuttgart and then back home for the grand prix in Prague; treatment for his back and more fishing.

Ban on India removed

India, who were banned from the 1989 Davis Cup in April by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) for failing to play Israel, were readmitted yesterday. The sport's governing body had a change of heart because the Indian team had received death threats before the world group relegation play-off, which was to have taken place in Tel Aviv in April.

A statement from the ITF read: "The committee of management considered the special circumstances that prevailed at the time, with the Indian team having had their lives threatened in their own country if they chose to travel to Israel, and the fact that the failure to send a team was not political."

However, the ITF has ordered the All India Tennis Association to compensate Israel for the expenses incurred by their late withdrawal. India have been relegated and will play in the Asia/Oceana group one next season.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Seeded players in capitals

Women's singles

Winner: £148,500
Runner-up: £74,250

Holder: Miss M Navratilova (US)

Semi-finals

M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt C M EVERT (US), 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.
S GRAF (WG) bt P SHRIVER (US), 6-1, 6-2.

Women's doubles

Winners: £49,500
Runners-up: £24,750

Holders: C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) and H Sukova (Cz)

Quarter-finals

K ADAMS and Z L GARRISON (US) bt L M McNEIL and B NAGELSEN (US), 6-4, 6-3.
L SAVCHENKO and N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt R D FAIRBANK (SA) and G FERNANDEZ (P Rico), 6-4, 6-2.

Mixed doubles

Winners: £29,700
Runners-up: £14,850

Holders: J Bates and Miss J Durie (GB)

Third round

D CAHILL and N PROVIS (Aus) bt P ANNACONE and B NAGELSEN (US), 6-3, 5-7, 6-0.

KEY TO COUNTRIES

Arg: Argentina; Aus: Australia; Bah: Bahamas. Bel: Belgium; Br: Brazil; Bul: Bulgaria; Can: Canada; Cz: Czechoslovakia; Den: Denmark; Fin: Finland; Fr: France; GB: Great Britain; Hun: Hungary; Isr: Israel; It: Italy; Mex: Mexico; Neth: Netherlands; NZ: New Zealand; Pol: Poland; P Rico: Puerto Rico; SA: South Africa; Sp: Spain; Swe: Sweden; Switz: Switzerland; US: United States; USSR: Soviet Union; WG: West Germany; Yug: Yugoslavia.

WIMBLEDON TV

TENNIS: BBC1 1.50-4 p.m. Highlights 10.20 p.m. BBC2 4-8 p.m.
WEATHER: Starting cloudy with outbreaks of rain; turning drier with sunny intervals and occasional showers in the early afternoon.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Seeded players in capitals

Men's singles

Quarter-final

I LENDL (Cz) bt T S MAYOTTE (US), 7-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Men's doubles

Third round

K EVERNDEN (NZ) and J C KRIEK (US) bt E Jelen and P Kuhnen (WG), 2-6, 6-2, 7-5, 7-6.

Mixed doubles

Second round

J B FITZGERALD and P D SMYLIE (Aus) bt S Barr (Aus) and S L Collins (US), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.
M Woodforde and M Jaggard (Aus) bt N A Fulwood and J A Salmon (GB), 7-5, 1-6, 7-5.

Third round

R LEACH and P A FENDICK (US) bt E Korita and P Barg (US), 7-6, 6-4.

Deehan transfer

Manchester City yesterday completed the signing of John Deehan, from Ipswich Town. The former Norwich City player, aged 30, will have his fee determined by a tribunal.

On the move

Brentford are close to signing Neil Smillie, one of the goalscorers in Reading's 4-1 Simod Cup final victory over Luton Town at Wembley last season, on a free transfer.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

EAST BERLIN: IAAF/Mobil grand prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, R da Silva (Br), 10.32sec; 2, A Smith (Jam), 10.38; 3, F Emmelmann (EG), 10.40. 400m: T Schönlebe (EG), 44.99. 800m: J Rafael (Pol), 1min 47.58sec. 1,500m: J-P Herold (EG), 3:38.93. 4 x 100m relay: East Germany, 38.62sec. High jump: 1, J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.33m; 2, R Ruffini (Cz), 2.30. Triple jump: R Cannon (US), 16.77m. Shot: 1, U Timmermann (EG), 21.39m; 2, H Krieger (Pol), 20.68. Hammer: 1, G Rodehau (EG), 78.54m; 2, R Haber (EG), 77.94. Women: 200m: S Möller (EG), 22.54sec. 400m: 1, P Müller (EG), 50.13; 2, G Jackson (Jam), 50.77; 3, D Neubauer (EG), 51.02; 4, K Emmelmann (EG), 51.09; 5, M Payne (Can), 51.11; 6, J Richardson (Can), 51.14. 800m: S Wodars (EG), 1min 58.88sec. 1,500m: A Hahmann (EG), 4:06.96. 100m hurdles: 1, C Oschkenat (EG), 12.59sec; 2, K Knabe (EG), 12.70; 3, K Pathwahl (EG), 12.94. 400m hurdles: 1, S Busch (EG), 54.42; 2, S Losch (EG), 54.76; 3, D Flintoff-King (Aus), 54.87. 4 x 100m relay: East Germany, 42.30sec. High jump: G Gunz (EG), 1.91m. Long jump: H Drechsler (EG), 7.17m. Discus: 1, G Reinsch (EG), 72.78m; 2, D Gansky (EG), 70.60; 3, S Madetzky (EG), 68.62. Javelin: 1, P Felke (EG), 74.92m; 2, S Renk (EG), 67.54.
ROVERETO (Italy): International meeting: Men: 100m: S Floyd (US), 10.52sec. 200m: C Smith (US), 20.90. 400m: M Franks (US), 46.03. 800m: 1, M Fall (Sen), 1min 46.33sec; 2, S Koskei (Ken), 1:46.73. 400m hurdles: D Harris (US), 49.58sec. Long jump: 1, G Evangelisti (It), 8.05m; 2, A Steiner (Austria), 8.00. Triple jump: K Markov (Bul), 16.76m. Women: 200m: E Ashford (US), 23.16sec. High jump: S Kostadinova (Bul), 1.97m.
HENDON: Shaftesbury Barnet club meeting: 800m: S Ovett (Phoenix), 1min 50.02sec.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Philadelphia Phillies 4, Chicago Cubs 2; San Diego Padres 3, Cincinnati Reds 2; San Francisco Giants 7, Atlanta Braves 2; New York Mets 8, Pittsburgh Pirates 7; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Houston Astros 0; Montreal Expos 3, St Louis Cardinals 2. American League: New York Yankees 7, Detroit Tigers 3; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Baltimore Orioles 2; Boston Red Sox 5, Cleveland Indians 1; Oakland Athletics 7, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Kansas City Royals 9, Chicago White Sox 6; Texas Rangers 1, Seattle Mariners 0; California Angels 2, Minnesota Twins 1.

BASKETBALL

THE NETHERLANDS: Olympic qualifying tournament: Pool A (Groningen): The Netherlands 92, Sweden 71; Spain 118, Ireland 62. Pool B (Arnhem): Turkey 92, Denmark 65; Italy 102, West Germany 72.

BOXING

HAMBURG: European super-welterweight championship: Rene Jacquot (Fr, holder) bt Erwin Heiber (WG), rsc, 11th.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Ardingly 221, Sussex Martlets 186-7; *Beddington CC104, Wallington HS 105-7; City of London Freemen's 180-9 dec, Guildhall XI 153; Embley 131-4dec, *St Peter's, Bournemouth 54; Forest 69, *Felsted 70-2; Foyle and Londonderry College 191-8, *Ellesmere College 183; *King's College, Taunton 107, Blundell's 67-1 (rain); Lancaster RGS 153, *Merchant Taylors', Crosby 95-9; Lincolnshire Gentlemen 78, *Loughborough GS 79-4; *Oundle 244-4, St Edwards, Oxford 243; Repton 184, *Worcester RGS 185-4; *Sevenoaks 179-7 dec, The Pioneers 76; Surrey Young Cricketers 254-2 (A Smith 126), *Tiffin 213-9 (J Mathews 113); The Headmasters XI 195-6, *Sutton Valance 168; The Parents XI 197-5 dec, *Exeter 198-9.
* denotes home side.

CROQUET

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON: South-West of England championships: Block A: W Wiggins bt B Perry, +11; R Fulford bt P West, 26 tp; R Fulford bt W Wiggins, +19; B Perry bt P Stoker, +16; P West bt P Stoker, +19. Block B: Mrs W Wiggins bt J Soutter, +25; Mrs W Wiggins bt J Walters, +18; J Walters bt Mrs E Asa-Thomas, +15; P Dorke bt Mrs E Asa-Thomas, +12; P Dorke bt J Soutter, +7. Block C: W Lamb bt S Packer, +4; W Lamb bt C Townshend, +22; C Townshend bt D Laney, +13; D Moorcraft bt D Laney, +22; S Packer bt D Moorcraft, +3.

CYCLING

ROME: Women's Tour of Italy: Eighth stage (75 miles): 1, B Ganz (Switz), 3:04:29; 2, M Bandini (It); 3, R Bonanomi (It), all same time; 4, P Rossner (EG), 1:50; 5, V Paulitz (WG); 6, J Niehaus (WG); 7, S Hodge (GB), all same time. Final positions: 1, M Canins (It), 20:02:23; 2, E Hepple (Aus), at 2:21; 3, Rossner, 3:10; 4, Bonanomi, 4:12; 5, D Gould (Aus), 5:09; 6, A Kiedling (EG), 5:16. British: 9, L Brambani, 5:58.

FOOTBALL

STOCKHOLM: Swedish Cup: Final: IFK Norrkoping 3, Orebro 1.
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay: South American club championship: Nacional (Uru) 0, Wanderers (Uru) 0.

GOLF

DUMFRIES: Scottish boys' stroke-play championship: 67: M Urquhart (Inverness). 68: S Syme (Lenzyoaniq); M Hastie (St Andrews), B Smith (Duddingston). 70: C Fraser (Burntisland), N Christie (Dumfries and Galloway).

WATER POLO

EDINBURGH: Eight nations international tournament: Scotland 9, Norway 7; Belgium 14, Finland 5; Wales 16, Switzerland 5.

Recalling the Games of '48

Forty years on: Mathias with Mrs Blankers-Koen yesterday (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Champions of a simpler age

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

An Olympic Games can never have been more fittingly awarded than to London in 1948. While other cities on both sides had been shattered, London remained, however broken, as a totem of resilience and hope amid the wreckage and despair of Europe during the second world war. And amid the post-war austerity, came the Olympics of 1948.

The Games were another struggle to make ends meet. The specially constructed track at Wembley was laid with ground red brick dust. The athletes were housed in schools and Army camps. Despite rationing, and with some help from the Americans who sent tons of food, the athletes got extra milk and the sort of fruits that had not been seen in Britain in 10 years.

Athletics, the principal sport of the Games, was simpler then, uncommercial, its practitioners part-time, amateur. But the heroes were probably writ even larger than today. None of them more so than Fanny Blankers-Koen and Bob Mathias, who were in London yesterday to publicize Thames Television's *The Games of '48*, to be screened next Wednesday.

They were virtually the oldest and youngest competitors in the athletics. Blankers-Koen's chances were dismissed, with the sort of considered opinion we have come to expect from British officials, when Jack Crump, then Amateur Athletics Association secretary, wrote that she was too old at 30 and with two children, to do anything other than hope for a medal.

The Flying Dutchwoman won four golds. Although she recalled yesterday how the last one, in the relay, had been touch-and-go in more ways than one. She won only with the last stride, but she almost did not make it to the stadium, after going shopping for a mackintosh, to counter the torrential rain that fell throughout the Games.

Fanny, as vivacious and looking as fit at 70 as she was at 30, would probably have won more golds if the timetable had allowed. Although training only "half an hour twice a week, and on Sunday in summer, less in winter," she was also world record-holder in the long jump, had held the high jump world record, and was a decent 800 metres runner and shot putter.

Mathias joked yesterday, "She should have entered the decathlon." That was where he made history, at 17, younger even than "Daley who?" — as he put it — and in only his third decathlon, winning the first of his two golds. He was so inexperienced, he fouled his first (and best) shot put by walking out of the front of the circle. "I just didn't know. Things were different then."

But some things never change. After lunch, Blankers-Koen and Mathias went to Wimbledon, to be met with the sort of torrential rain that turned that brick dust into thin red mud 40 years ago.

POLO

A spirited debut for Giscours

By John Watson

Giscours, the French team, made their 1988 debut in Britain yesterday when they played their first match in the British Open championships, a league I encounter, at Ambersham, in Sussex. Their opponents were Galen Weston's Maple Leafs, who won 13-5.

Considering their circumstances, Giscours did well not to suffer a heavier defeat. Patronized and mounted from a string of 30 Argentinian ponies by Pierre Tari, the wine tycoon, they had arrived in England only two days previously.

The Maple Leafs' central strength of Rob Walton, the American, and Julian Hipwood, the all-England captain, found the goalposts four times in as many minutes in the first chukka. However, Lionel Macaire was taking Giscours's penalty shots very accurately and with two conversions and a goal from the open from his mallet and another from Stuart Armstrong, the Maple Leafs led 9-4 in the fourth chukka.

But nothing could stop the hammer-and-anvil strength of Hipwood, Walton and Seavill, while Weston acquitted himself with great credit at back.

Also in league I, Ipamena beat Southfield 10-9.

MAPLE LEAFS: 1, A Seavill (4); 2, J Hipwood (8); 3, R Walton (8); Back: G Weston (2).
GISCOURS: 1, L Tari (1); 2, B Tari (1); 3 L Macaire (8); Back: S Armstrong (7).
BRONCOS: 1, Lord Milford Haven (2); 2, C Forsyth (7); 3, G Donoso (8); Back: M Glue (5).
GREENHILL FARM: 1, J Lucas (5); 2, P Churchward (5); 3, R Graham (5); Back: N Jones (5).

RUGBY LEAGUE

More reinforcements on way to Australia

From Keith Macklin, Sydney

Richard Eyres, the Widnes loose forward, and John Joyner, the experienced utility player from Castleford, last night agreed to join the injury-ravaged Great Britain touring team in Australia, following the decision earlier in the day that Lee Crooks, the Leeds front-row forward, would be sent home, following the recurrence of his shoulder injury.

Crooks, the sixth player to be forced out of the tour by injury, will be on the same flight as two other injured forwards, Paul Dixon and Andy Platt, leaving the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, and the team manager, Les Bettinson, to reflect on a gamble that failed.

Crooks damaged a shoulder playing for Leeds against Wigan last November. After several months out of the game, he returned towards the end of the season, and although he was obviously not match tight he was included in the touring party in the hope that he would be fit in time to play in the international series.

Alas, the shoulder gave out after only seven minutes of a match at Rockhampton and at yesterday's training session he was in such discomfort that the decision to send him home was inevitable. Bettinson said: "We are left with egg on our faces."

Eyres, a promising young back-row forward and Joyner, who toured Australasia in 1979 and 1984, will fly out as soon as possible. It is essential that the players reach Australia by Monday, to allow them to be played in the match at Canberra on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the "headhunting" controversy took a further twist last night when it was decided that the managers and coaches of both the British and Australian teams will meet today at Cronulla, to discuss the allegations that the British players were guilty of excessive high tackling in Tuesday's international match at Brisbane.

GOLF

Practice makes perfect for Reid

By John Hennessy

Dale Reid, last year's most successful player in European women's professional golf, has been so troubled by her form this season that she hit 300 shots with her wedge on Wednesday to get her swing in the proper groove.

Her diligence paid immediate dividends yesterday when she recorded a round of 68, five under par, for the 5,846-yard Kingswood course in Surrey. She thus drew alongside the American, Sarah De Kraay, aged 23 and fresh out of Indiana University, in the lead of the Birchgrey European Open championship.

Even the dreaded shank invaded Reid's game in St Moritz last week, but there were no signs of such fallibility yesterday as she reeled in eight birdies, with no putt longer than 12 feet.

De Kraay, who comes from Wisconsin, became a professional only two months ago and the high watermark of her career so far has been tenth place in the Dutch Open.

Admirable though her score was, she spoke wistfully afterwards about her setback at the 18th. She stood on the tee at seven under par, partly attributable to her short game which manufactured birdies at the fifth and ninth.

But it failed her at the last. "I hit a good drive," she said, "and then must have got too excited." Whatever the reason, she struck an eight-iron hugely over the green and took four more to get down.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: 68: S De Kraay (US), D Reid (GB). 69: K Scrivner (US), P Nilsson (Swe), C Panton (GB), J Hill (GB), N McCormack (GB). 70: F Dassu (It), G Stewart (GB), A Jones (Australia), R Bell (Australia). 71: R Hast (GB), S MacLennan (GB), C Griffiths (GB), L Maritz (SA), D Lofland (US), M Wennersten (Swe), D Hutton (Australia), A Nicholas (GB), K Lunn (Australia), J Connachan (GB), C Baker (Can). 72: K Clark (US), B Lunsford (US), C Dibnah (Australia), K Espinasse (Fr), P González (Colombia), L Mullard (Australia), S Strudwick (GB), J Rumsey (GB), J Arnold (NZ), *N Lall (India), M Scobling (GB), L Behan (Ire), R Comstock (US), L Fletcher (GB), M Marshall (US).
* denotes amateur.

O'Connell is outstanding in trophy victory

By a Special Correspondent

Garth McGimpsey and Eoghan O'Connell gave Great Britain and Ireland victory over Europe in the St Andrews Trophy match, over the Old course at St Andrews yesterday when they won the two opening singles matches of the afternoon.

The home team had won the morning foursomes 3-1 to give them a match total of 10½ points to 5½, and victories by the two Irish players were all that were needed to clinch the trophy for the fifteenth time.

O'Connell, aged 20, from Killarney, was joint top points-winner for his team, claiming three wins and a halved match.

SECOND DAY RESULTS: Foursomes (GB and Ire names first): G McGimpsey (Bangor) and N Anderson (Shandon Park), lost to C Hardin and A Haglund (Swe), 2 and 1; P McEvoy (Copt Heath) and E O'Connell (Killarney), bt F Illouz (Fr) and T Gottstein (Switz), 4 and 2; P Broadhurst (Atherstone) and D Curry (Prudhoe), bt J Lindberg and F Lindgren (Swe), 3 and 1; R Eggo (L'Ancresse) and N Roderick (Pontardawe), bt B de Llano (Sp) and S Stuever (WG), 2 holes. Singles: McGimpsey bt Hardin 2 and 1; O'Connell bt Illouz 3 and 2; Broadhurst lost to Lindgren 1 hole; McEvoy bt Haglund 1 hole; Anderson halved with de Llano; J Milligan (Barassie) bt Gottstein 1 hole; Curry halved D Silva (Por); Eggo lost to Lindberg 1 hole. Match result: GB and Ire 15½, Europe 8½.

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As you were as Graf meets Navratilova

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Steffi Graf will play Martina Navratilova in the Wimbledon women's singles final for the second consecutive year. Yesterday Navratilova took two hours and nine minutes to beat Chris Evert, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, but Graf needed only 59 minutes to defeat Pam Shriver, 6-1, 6-2.

Navratilova has already won the title eight times, a record she shares with Helen Wills Moody. She wants to have that record to herself by winning the title again tomorrow. There was a time yesterday when it seemed that she might have to be content with the role of losing semi-finalist.

Navratilova played a first set that was regal in its authority. She is probably the most gifted grass-court player the women's game has ever known, and all her best qualities were in evidence. She even had the confidence and ball control to take on Evert in the kind of base-line rallies at which Evert excels. Essentially, though, Navratilova's advantage was physical.

Thus we were swiftly reminded that the centre court at Wimbledon has become something of a private empire for Navratilova. There did not seem to be much Evert could do about. She matched Navratilova only in ground strokes, will-power, and wisdom. All Evert could do was to vary her game as tidily as possible in an effort to disrupt Navratilova's rhythm and, perhaps, make the champion a prey to self-doubt.

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Evert had won both their previous matches this year, and she played well yesterday. She varied her length and pace and angle. The depths of her drives and the precision of her passing shots and lobs were soon making Navratilova think twice about going to the net.

The challenge gradually became stiffer and the second set — interrupted for 70 minutes by light rain — produced some enthralling tennis. Navratilova was beginning to make a few mistakes, partly because of a slight erosion of confidence, and partly because Evert was now playing almost flawlessly well.

Evert took that set when Navratilova hit a wild smash and was then off the mark with a forehand. So to a third set in which an already exciting and highly-skilled match became even better. Navratilova achieved a 3-1 lead, but Evert struck back with a series of passing shots that buzzed past Navratilova like arrows. Evert's anticipation and footwork and racket control were admirable.

When Evert was serving at 4-5 they had a marvellous game in which Navratilova had a match point. Navratilova charged to the net, but Evert frustrated her with a superb forehand passing shot down the line. In the next game, Navratilova easily held her service. That left Evert serving at 5-6, and she swiftly went 0-40 down — three more match points. Evert saved one with a bold backhand that hit the line and forced an error. Navratilova missed the second chance by mis-hitting an awkward smash.

Then came a disappointing and slightly controversial finish. Evert played a cross-court forehand that clipped the net cord, beat Navratilova, and seemed to make contact with the sideline. But Navratilova instantly turned to glare at the line judge, who slowly raised an arm to signal that Evert's shot was out. There were boos and a slow handclap. It was certainly a sad finish to what had turned into a thrilling match.

Graf works harder in practice than she had to yesterday against Shriver, who at least took one more game from her than was the case in their semi-final last year. Graf hit harder and deeper, moved faster, and played at an altogether higher level. She hit a flashing stream of winners. Her reactions were quicker and she seemed to regard most of Shriver's shots as invitations to a party.

Shriver did her best, whenever she happened to be in the same neighbourhood as the ball. But going to the net, which is her custom, was more hazardous than usual because she risked being perforated.

Watching this match, after that between Navratilova and Evert, was rather like drifting gently into harbour after enduring a storm at sea. The soft sunlight of evening deserved a more glittering spectacle than Shriver could produce.

Gomer on course

Sara Gomer, the British No. 3 from Torquay, remained on course to retain the women's Plate at Wimbledon yesterday by beating Eva Pfaff, of West Germany, 6-1 6-2 to reach the semi-finals.

Ever-popular: Evert's defeat saw the crowd once more on her side (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Familiar frailties exposed

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (England won toss): West Indies, with all first-innings wickets standing, are 131 runs behind England

England have suffered all manner of bad experiences against the West Indian pace attack but seldom has the flag of surrender been raised with quite such embarrassing haste as on this opening day of the third Cornhill Test match. They were dismissed, inside 61 overs, for 135. Only three times, in 52 home Tests against this opposition, have they been bowled out for fewer.

By mid-afternoon the fund of pre-match English optimism had been thoroughly exhausted. The strongest batting side available had been humiliated, all six specialists gone for an aggregate of 69 runs. Worse still, at least four of the six were guilty of careless contributions to their own downfall.

Gooch, Gower and Lamb were out to loose strokes against balls they could easily have left alone. Gatting, resurrecting a half forgotten nightmare, was leg before to one he did leave alone. If you had asked each of the four to demonstrate their most irritating frailty, they could hardly have done so more faithfully.

The most acutely depressing aspect was that everything had been going well — until the first ball was bowled. After a lengthy and often animated mid-pitch conference involving all five selectors, England had summoned the sense and courage to name a balanced side, including two spinners, Childs making his debut. When Emburey then won the toss, the opportunity was there to build a score and apply pressure on the West Indian batting.

The theory was sound enough. In practice, it was a disaster. Conditions were not, it is true, as friendly for batting as England would have hoped. Perhaps the pitch had sweated under the tarpaulins; certainly, it allowed the seamers, Marshall in particular, some extravagent sideways movement. This, however, cannot justify what followed.

Moxon had been preferred to Broad, which was mildly astonishing after the way in which the captain and manager had argued against a reluctant chairman of selectors for his retention in the party. The Yorkshireman, however, had resisted bravely at Lord's and he hinted at something similar during the early overs here. But he had still not scored, after 33 minutes, when Marshall pierced an imperfect forward push.

Gatting entered to an ovation expressive of widespread sympathy for the martyr. The crowd, disappointingly no more than 10,000, would have loved nothing more than a familiarly pugnacious Gatting innings. Instead, they got a familiarly awful Gatting dismissal.

Marshall all but bowled him second ball off the inside edge. Two balls later, producing another off-cutter, he was grateful to find the former captain shouldering arms. The appeal was made on bended knees and umpire Constant's finger was raised with the air of one who has seen it all before.

Gatting once considered that the Lord's Test of 1984, when he was twice out in this fashion to Marshall, was the low point of his career. Yesterday's dismissal, coming on top of all his recent troubles, may prompt a rethink. He has now scored only 254 runs in 16 innings against the West Indies, a statistic to make a proud man wince.

Gower was next to depart and, wouldn't you know it, he fell to that instinctive flick at a ball leaving him outside off stump. Harper, included when Haynes was declared unfit, took the catch at third slip.

Manful defiance followed from Gooch and Lamb the two men whose records against this opposition stand up to the closest scrutiny. With lunch in sight as a temporary sanctuary, however, Gooch inexplicably drove, firm-footed, at a wide one from Benjamin and was caught behind.

England were now 56 for four but Capel is so well versed in crisis he might have mistaken this for a good start. On his debut, against Pakistan last summer, he came in at 31 for five; in his second Test at Lahore in November, it was 44 for four in the first innings and 66 for five in the second. This time, the hero's role eluded him. Eight overs of correct defence came to nothing when Benjamin beat him with a violent breakback.

Shortly before the rain arrived at 3 p.m. Lamb perished to a square cut, the shot he finds hard to resist even in adversity. He trudged off in evident dismay and the disarray of the batting was complete.

Play could not resume until 5.45 p.m., the extra hour being applied. Emburey was out immediately, nibbling at a ball which cramped him on off stump, and Downton and DeFreitas, having each made useful runs in their widely different styles, gave Greenidge some soft catching practice. The last wicket added 12; horrifyingly, there were only four better stands in the innings.

England had three overs in which to retrieve something from the day, and fumbled the chance. Emburey, taking the new ball himself, turned his first delivery: Richardson gloved an attempted sweep and Downton plunged too late to gather the catch. In the next, and last over, Greenidge edged Dilley to second slip, where Gooch put down a waist-high chance.

TV TIMES: BBC1 10.50 a.m.-1 p.m. BBC2 12.55-1.05, 1.35 p.m. Highlights 12.05 a.m. (tomorrow).
WEATHER: Starting cloudy with outbreaks of rain; turning drier with sunny intervals and occasional showers.

Irresistible appeal: Marshall greets Gatting's misjudgement which cost him his wicket

SCOREBOARD FROM OLD TRAFFORD

England won toss

ENGLAND

First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G A Gooch c Dujon b Benjamin	27	–	3	109	81
M A Moxon b Marshall	0	–	–	35	22
M W Gatting lbw b Marshall	0	–	–	6	4
D I Gower c Harper b Walsh	9	–	2	29	20
A L Lamb c Greenidge b Ambrose	33	–	2	113	82
D J Capel b Benjamin	1	–	–	32	18
†P R Downton c Greenidge b Walsh	24	–	2	87	63
*J E Emburey c Dujon b Walsh	1	–	–	18	17
P A J DeFreitas c Greenidge b Ambrose	15	–	1	31	28
G R Dilley c Harper b Walsh	14	–	3	29	21
J H Childs not out	2	–	–	19	12
Extras (lb 4, nb 6)	9				
Total (60. 2 overs)	135				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-14, 3-33, 4-55, 5-61, 6-94, 7-98, 8-113, 9-123.
BOWLING: Marshall 12-5-19-2; Ambrose 17-5-35-2 (nb 1); Walsh 18.2-4-46-4 (nb 5); Benjamin 13-4-31-2.

WEST INDIES

First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
C G Greenidge not out	4	–	1	13	12
R B Richardson not out	0	–	–	13	6
Extras					
Total (3 overs)	4				

*I V A Richards, C L Hooper, A L Logie, †P J Dujon, R A Harper, M D Marshall, W K M Benjamin, C E L Ambrose and C A Walsh to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS:
BOWLING: Dilley 2-1-4-0; Emburey 1-1-0-0.
Umpires: D J Constant and N T Plews.

Bruno confused by Tyson's announcement

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Frank Bruno was pondering his future yesterday after reports of Mike Tyson's retirement following a dispute with his manager, Bill Cayton. His bout with the world heavyweight champion at Wembley Stadium on September 3 will be called off if the reports are true and Tyson does not change his mind.

"I am as confused as anybody else," Bruno said at Heathrow after returning from Atlantic City, where he had been watching Tyson defend successfully against Michael Spinks. "I don't know what's happening," he said. "It's very disappointing. One minute I'm going to fight Tyson, the next it's all off. I'm just going to keep training, stay ready and see what happens."

Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, said: "I cannot believe Tyson will retire. Give it another seven days and I think we will see a change."

Lawless's advice seemed sensible. A lot can happen in seven days in the life of a "retired" undisputed world champion.

Boxing circles remain sceptical. Simon Block, of the British Boxing Board of Control, said: "As far as we are concerned, Tyson is still champion. I am afraid I'm a bit cynical when it comes to boxers retiring. We shall do nothing until we hear from the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association."

That, too, was the reaction of the New York State Athletic Commission, boxing's controlling body in New York. "Boxers are forever retiring and coming back. We shall just have to wait it out."

Bruno will have to wait until November to see if Tyson means what he is reported to have said. If Tyson does not defend by then he will be stripped of his title by the WBC and WBA. Bruno would then either meet the No. 2 or take part in an elimination series. Much depends on how the WBC and WBA view the situation in the absence of Tyson.

Since the WBC No. 2 is Pinklon Thomas and the WBA No. 2 is Tyrell Biggs, it is likely that the two bodies will decide on an elimination series. At any rate, we would be back to three champions.

Lawyers for Lawless and Bruno are waiting in New York for the results of talks between Tyson and Cayton, whom the champion wants to dismiss. The bout with Tyson would mean £1 million to Bruno. He would get nothing like that if he faced Thomas or Biggs or Carl Williams.

McNulty's 62 is a pre-Lytham boost

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Monte Carlo

Mark McNulty seized the initiative in the Monte Carlo Open when he put together a spectacular second round of 62, seven under par, on the Mont Agel course here yesterday.

McNulty, who has a half-way aggregate of 128, has developed into one of the finest golfers on the PGA European tour. He is such a consistent striker of the ball that even on this undulating course he has no hesitation in employing his driver at all but the short holes.

Yet the paradox is that McNulty, now aged 34, regards par as a blessing in disguise. He said: "Bobby Locke once told me always to play full par. I have always been a patient man but I have had to curb my natural aggression on the greens. I had to learn to accept that as my game improved, so I hit more greens and I couldn't expect to hole every putt. If I did that, then I would be shooting 59 every day."

McNulty's hero, as a youngster, was Gary Player. Coincidentally the Open this year is at Royal Lytham and St Anne's, where, in 1974, Player won the third of his Open titles. McNulty said: "I have been there, I like it and Gary has told me all about it. I think I can win."

Most certainly the bookmakers share that belief, offering McNulty at around 20-1. That he has the ability there can be no doubt. But he has still to prove himself on the links. Even so, he believes that he is now capable of making his game fit any course.

"To me that is the secret" McNulty said. "A lot of people say that this or that golf course will suit your game. I have scrubbed that off the blackboard. If you are a good player, you can play anywhere."

Ballesteros, with a 66, remained in touch with McNulty but it was José Rivero, following a two-hour suspension in play because of low cloud, who moved onto McNulty's heels with five birdies in a 64. Meanwhile Faldo, despite understandably suffering from mental fatigue, stuck to his task to score 65 for 136.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 128: M McNulty (Zim), 66, 62. 129: J Rivero (Sp), 65, 64. 131: S Ballesteros (Sp), 65, 66. 133: G Levenson (SA), 67, 66. 134: A Sherborne, 65, 69. 136: A Garrido (Sp), 68, 68; M Calero (Sp), 69, 67; J Haas (US), 67, 69; A Sorensen (Den), 67, 69; P Teravainen (US), 72, 64; N Faldo, 71, 65.

END COLUMN

Facility riddle thrown open

By Douglas Broom and Peter Ball

Confusion last night surrounded Government plans for the running of local council sports and leisure facilities. Is it going to insist on full privatization, with private contractors in control, or is it asking only that local authorities allow private companies to tender for management?

There were assertions by Government sources that there was no question of fresh privatization, and the Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, is expected to make a Commons announcement about the plans, either today or early next week, in an attempt to halt speculation.

Senior sources said emphatically last night that councils would be required only to seek tenders from private firms for providing staff to physically operate leisure facilities. There was no question of wholesale privatization and councils would retain control of pricing and admission policies. There was also no question of handing public parks over to private contractors.

But the official assurances were greeted with scepticism by sports bodies, local government associations and trade union leaders.

News that came 'out of the blue'

Peter Lawson, the general secretary of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, said the news that an announcement was imminent was "out of the blue. We understood that consultation was continuing, but it seems it is over and the Government is galloping ahead.

"It is a body blow to British sport in this Olympic year," Lawson continued. "Harold Macmillan once described privatization as selling off the family silver. This policy is putting the family future at risk.

"I called it a body blow, but this is more like the final uppercut. They are already selling off school playing fields and allowing competitive sport to be run down in schools."

The Sports Council's response was more guarded, even giving the news a cautious welcome. Its statement emphasized that the council "strongly endorses the need to maximize efficiency" in the running of the centres, with the important qualification that local authorities retained the right to control accessibility and pricing for children and underprivileged groups.

Of the individual sports, swimming in particular is concerned at the possible implications, seeing both the teaching of swimming and the needs of Olympic swimmers for access to pools at risk.

The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) will be presenting a parliamentary petition at Westminster this morning; it will be led by a group stretching across the whole swimming spectrum, from Duncan Goodhew, the former Olympic champion, to a four-year-old non-swimmer.

Closure of pools taking its toll

ASA clubs teach 250,000 people a year to swim, and all the clubs have waiting lists for the courses. Already, the closure of pools is taking its toll. "We are teaching fewer people to swim than ever before," Hamilton Bland, of the ASA, said. "It is a vital activity — drowning is the third most frequent cause of death."

The average 25-metre pool loses £159,000 a year. To be made more attractive, wave machines, slides, and chutes are a natural development for a private company, but that would cut across teaching and serious swimming.

There was particular concern about the effect of the proposals on education with the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, Fred Jarvis, warning that schools could be excluded from swimming pools and sports centres.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said the plans would result in the run-down of sports and leisure facilities in less prosperous or thinly populated areas.

"It's a recipe for increased vandalism and rising tensions in inner city areas as the young jobless will be denied access to what will become elitist centres for the well-off," he said.

Hunter stalks Games place

From Jenny MacArthur, Aachen

Janet Hunter and Everest Lisnamarrow, one of eight partnerships on Britain's Olympic show-jumping shortlist, face their toughest trial in today's Nations' Cup event, in which they have been picked to go second for the British team.

The three other members of the team are Nick Skelton (Apollo), Malcolm Pyrah (Towerlands Anglezarke), and David Broome (Queensway Countryman). These three riders are near certainties for an Olympic team place providing their horses retain their form.

Michael Whitaker, the fifth British rider here, has been excluded from the team, although this does not mean he is out of contention for an Olympic place. On the contrary, Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, who has never made any secret of his wish to have Whitaker in the Olympic team, said yesterday that Whitaker and his top horse, Next Amanda, were only left out because he has nothing to learn from watching them go.

Hunter, meanwhile, has been showing superb form in what is known to be the toughest arena in Europe. The pair finished 10th on the opening day and were third in Wednesday's championship class. If the selectors want to have confirmation that she can cope with the pressure of a big occasion, they should have their answer today.

Yesterday, all the British riders were resting their top horses, but that did not keep them out of the money. Broome and Pyrah finished third and fourth respectively in the three-round Prize Nordrhein Westfalen, won by Dirk Schröder, of West Germany.

RESULTS: Prize Nordrhein-Westfalen: 1. Cedra (D Schröder, WG), 0 faults in 42.12sec; 2. Whisper Grey (J McVean, Aus), 0flt in 43.97; 3. Queensway Lannegan (D Broome, GB), 4flt in 45.75; 4. Towerlands Diamond Seeker (M Pyrah, GB), 4flt in 46.18. Teams of Three (Speed Class): 1. Ireland, 0flt in 164.11sec; 2. West Germany, 4flt in 168.4; 3. Switzerland, 4flt in 168.54. Dressage: Intermediaire II/B: 1. Courage (A-K Linsenhoff, WG), 1135 points; 2. Fiorano (H Krug, WG), 1126pts; 3. Amazonas (J Bemelmans, WG), 1118pts. British: 17. Pinocchio (J Bartle-Wilson), 996pts. Intermediaire II/A: 1. Lotus (H Kemmer, WG), 1082; 2. Schwago (H Rueben, WG), 1043; 3. Corino (P Epping, WG), 1016. British: 16. Krist (B Hammond), 895.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Britain hopeful

Great Britain maintained their hopes of reaching the final round of the Olympic basketball qualifying tournament in Rotterdam next week by overwhelming the Republic of Ireland 106-69 last night.

Steve Bucknall (22 points) was Britain's top scorer for the second successive game.

Sonntag dies

Wellington (AFP) — New Zealand's oldest former Rugby Union player, Charlie Sonntag, died in Dunedin yesterday, aged 94.

Redmond: first major race

Back on track

Derek Redmond, the UK 400 metres record-holder, has recovered from a strained hamstring and will have his first big race of the season in Oslo tomorrow.

Success again

The Cambridge sailing team won the annual University team racing event for the fourth successive year yesterday, after Oxford threw away the chance to draw level in the best-of-seven series at Cowes, as one of their number hit a mark and Cambridge took the event 4-2.

Dublin date

The Republic of Ireland will play England in a football exhibition match in Dublin next May.

Shearn chosen

Nicola Shearn, the ASA national champion, will represent Great Britain in the synchronized swimming solo event at the Seoul Olympics.